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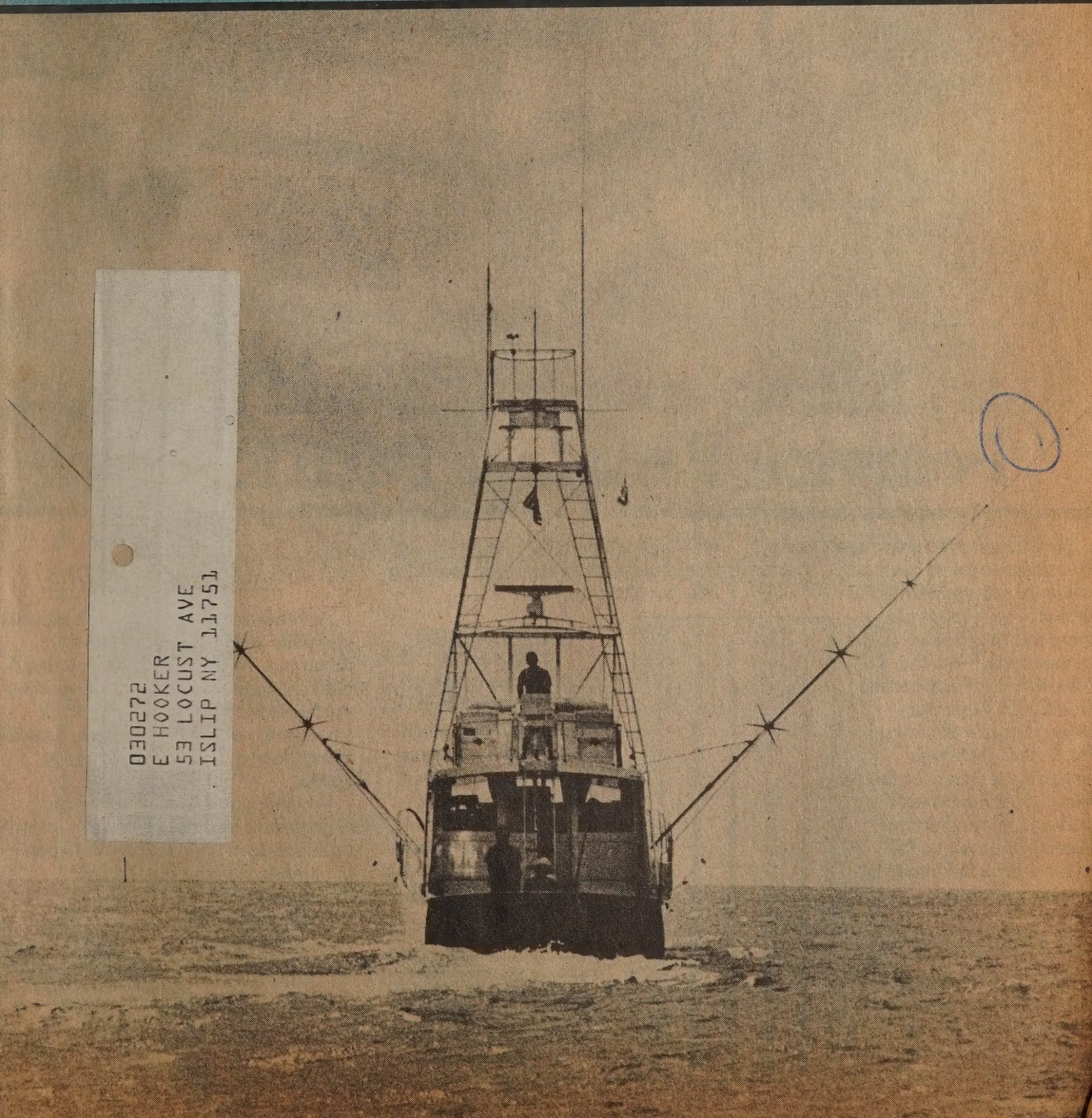

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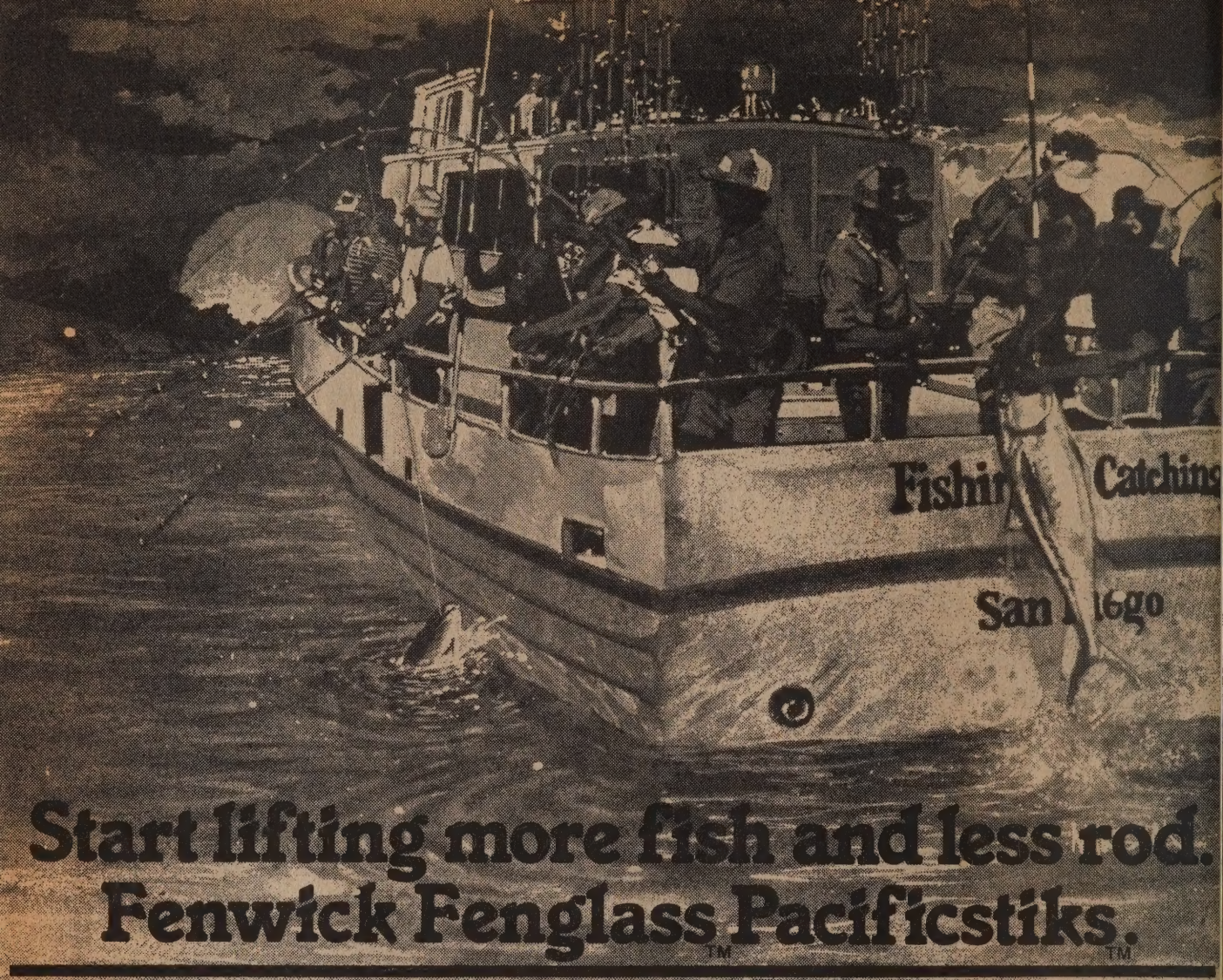

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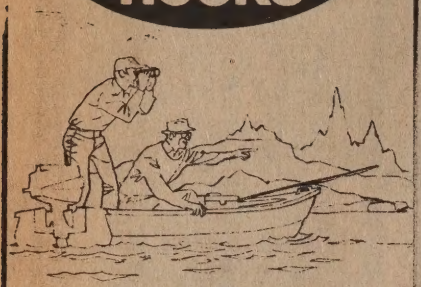

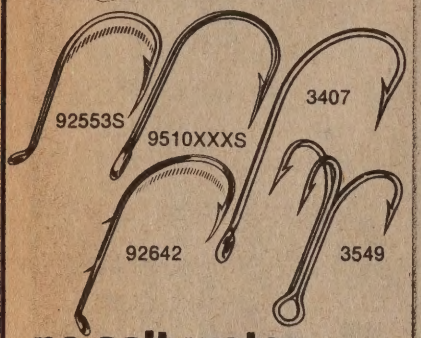

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GILLNET AND TRAMMEL BILL NOW LAW!!!

The response to our request for letters from readers to Governor Carey, in support of the Encon Gillnet and Trammel Bill, was fantastic. In the first day or two following the call for letters, we received 143 expressions of support. In addition, the copies of letters sent to Albany continue to come in at a steady pace.

We thank you, the readers, for these letters because it tells us that you appreciate our efforts and are willing to invest a little time in support of your own recreational interests. Let me tell you folks, that's a real shot in the arm when things go badly. You know, when you spend days trying to get in touch with the right official only to be told that he or she is out to lunch or out of town, or the heavy abuse we sometimes take for standing up for what we believe is right. Sure, sometimes it gets hard and sometimes it's depressing, but with the knowledge that the fishermen out there are behind us we have the spirit to keep pushing ahead.

But most of all, you should thank each other, because although any one or two of you may have a great deal of trouble getting your message across to politicians and officials, collectively you are a powerful force that can succeed in securing changes that will safeguard our recreational fishing heritage and rights. So, give yourselves a big, BIG, round of applause.

We appreciate the copies of the letters that you sent to us because it allows us to keep a running file on the responses and those letters of yours can't mysteriously get lost in Albany. In addition, there are times when it is useful to show a stack of letters like these to other politicians.

In this moment of praise and thanks, we must not become complacent. There are many attacks on recreational fishing: everything from do-gooders who want to end all hunting and fishing to the commercial fishing lobby. Therefore, we ask that those of you who have not written your letter as yet, please do so now. The louder the voice, the better our point is made—not only in this fight but in future battles as well.

It wasn't only the quantity of mail that was impressive either, but the quality, For the most part, the letters were typed and carefully written and even the handwritten ones were legible. Furthermore, the message in each letter was intelligent and respectful, which is very important because it must convey to the Governor a message that this is the sincere desire of a large group of thoughtful, mature, and respectful VOTERS. There was no ranting and raving, or demanding on a position of the rights of a taxpayer regardless of the consequences. That kind of approach never works. However, letters that explain the value of the bill to the individual and then go on to point out boating and navigation hazards are clearly powerful.

Let's look at several examples. Bob Cannon of Northport. "I am a young person whose life revolves around fishing. I cannot express to you my feelings for this precious sport. I also cannot tell you how important it is that the Gillnet and Trammel Bill be signed by you. I am just one of a very large group of young people in our state who depend upon sport fishing as a major activity in their lives." Joseph King of Hauppauge. "I am one of the 2.3 million recreational salt water fishermen interested in the passage of the Gillnet and Trammel Bill." Fred Schwab of Levittown. "While a great deal more must be done in terms of reducing conflict between marine users eliminating hazardous circumstances, and in taking many needed steps to manage our precious and very limited finfish resources, this measure is a step in the right direction." Robert Rance of Save Our Stripers. "It is a good measure that is designed to eliminate navigational hazards and stop the increasing social conflict between commercial and recreational fishermen in the marine district." Josh Furman. "Your signature on this bill will also exhibit your concern for equity between the estimated 2.3 million recreational fishermen, the thousands of business people whose lives depend upon them, and the commercial interests." William Greene of Pelham. "The recreational resource which our fish represent are already enjoyed by millions of our citizens making constructive use of their leisure time. The resource requires only management, not heavy front-end investment for some speculative future benefit." Roy Bennett of Floral Park. "The economic values are enough, alone, for you to support these bills without considering the safety angles that they afford." Sal Tardella of Rye. "The preservation of sport fishing in our great state is constantly under pressure and is more seriously threatened every year by gillnetters and others who abuse the privilege of

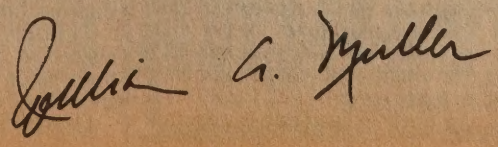
taking fish from our waterways." Nick and Cathy Ferrar of East Patchogue. "My wife and I both enjoy and spend many hours fishing the beaches and waters of Long Island. As such, we are most concerned about the environment." Stan Lake, Sunrise Fish and Game Association. Stan told us that in addition to the letter sent to Governor Carey that he has urged people in the Amityville and Massapequa areas to write, using the vehicle of two columns he writes weekly for the Amityville Record and the Massapequa Post. Alexander Jones of Brooklyn who mobilized 58 people to express their interest in the bill's passage. John Kushmick who succeeded in getting an additional 24 people to write to the Governor.

These are a few examples and we wish that we had room to tell you about more of these letters and the hard work of many of our readers. I believe that these examples amply demonstrate our earlier point of the quality of these letters. We were pleased to have friends and colleagues in the fight to preserve recreational fishing with us on this one. Clubs like the Sunrise Fish and Game Association, the Alert Rod and Gun Club, SurfSide 3 Tuna Club, the Farragut Striper Club, and the High Hill Striper Club. Then there were friends who have been in the thick of political battles for years such as Save Our Stripers and hard-working conservationist Fred Schwab who now heads up the citizens group of the coastal effort to develop a management plan for the striped bass. Perhaps more clubs out there could send a letter on their club stationery. You might want to indicate to the Governor how many members the letter is written for and then send a copy to me at LIF.

How about the opposition? Well, we did get a rather hostile phone call from a gillnetter and a letter from a woman who sounds like she's the wife of a gillnetter. In both cases, these people accused us of wanting to bring about the demise of commercial fishing, claims that removing commercial fishing from the inshore waters is destructive, and of course, accusing us of being immature. We don't wish to belittle these objections because it is likely that they come from people who are very sincere in their commitment to gillnetting and inshore commercial fishing. However, we wish to point out a few things that might clear the air. First, it wasn't our original idea to restrict commercial fishing inshore. The idea goes back to the early days after the passage of the 200-Mile Limit law. At that time money began to flow into marine science again and the growth of our domestic commercial industry on the shelf especially, prompted scientists, economists, politicians, and fisheries management experts to take a hard look at commercial and recreational fishing. They concluded several important things. First, hook and line fishermen cannot deplete a stock of fish. Long before the stock size falls below threatened levels, the hook and line fishermen find it impractical to keep fishing for that species. Second, the historial trend is for commercial overharvesting on the inshore grounds when the economy permits it. Third, since most recreational fishermen are limited to inshore areas, and since many inshore areas are important spawning and nursery grounds, the inshore waters should be primarily the domain of recreational fishing. These thoughts appeared this winter in a prestigious journal of science. The entire issue was dedicated to these discussions.

The experts made one additional point. Technology has advanced to the point where inshore finfish and shellfish mariculture is not only feasible but can be profitable. Why, we've been profitably growing oysters on Long Island on farms for many years. In Japan they raise salmon, in Asia milkfish, in Norway cod, in Russia haddock and salmon, etc. Progress in mariculture has been limited by several factors. One, lack of financial interest in supporting and financing fish farms and second, lack of interest in fish farming on the part of baymen and commercial fishermen. These two factors feed on each other. That is, people with dollars can't find people with the expertise and experience to run the farms or co-own the farms and because those who could farm won't farm, the money goes elsewhere to be invested.

Commercial fishermen say over and over again that they want to be free to go out and catch fish and harvest shellfish. They like it that way. Okay, but we'll bet there were people who enjoyed going to work on a horse and yet there are damn few of these left today. There were people who liked killing buffalo for the railroads and there are none of these today. There are those who preferred sailing boats to steamships for ocean commerce and there are very few of these. The point is that times are changing and it's very hard to spit into the teeth of a hurricane wind. If commercial fishermen really want to protect a future for their children making a living WITH the sea, then the handwriting on the wall says to get into mariculture. Cousteau has said it. We cannot keep taking from the sea without putting anything back. It didn't work on the land and it won't work in the sea. There are simply too many people on Long Island for that to work anymore and as fuel prices continue to rise it will become harder and harder to catch enough fish to make a living. No, it won't be recreational fishermen who'll put you out of business, it will be yourselves.



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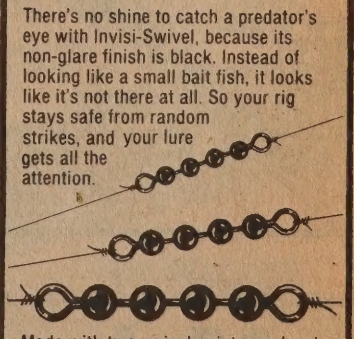

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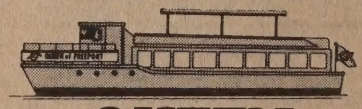

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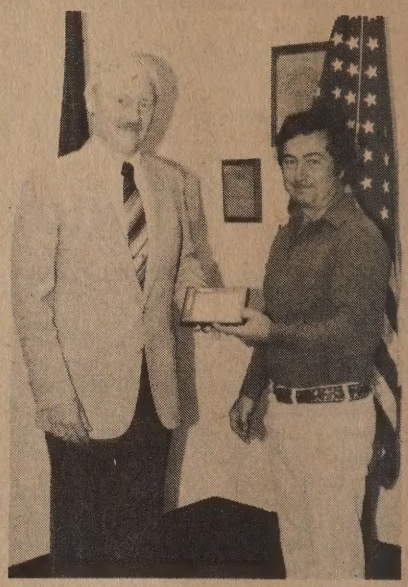

SENATOR JOHNSON HONORED FOR DRAGGING BILL EFFORTS

Mr. Nick Castoro, President of the Moriches Bay Marine Association and operator of Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station, recently presented Senator Owen H. Johnson (R-C, 4th Senate District) with a plaque in appreciation for his efforts and support on behalf of the Moriches Bay Marine Association for the anti-dragging bill in the South Shore Bays.

OAKDALE SPORTSMEN'S SHARK TOURNAMENT

Sunday, June 22, ended the week long Oakdale Sportsmens Club Shark Tournament. The limit of one week-day of fishing plus Sunday did not prevent the anglers from bringing home the fish.

Fifteen of the many sharks caught were makos including the three heaviest.

Ray Schmidt took top place with a 263 lb. mako caught Saturday on the Wide Open about 185° from Fire Island Inlet in 180' of water. Water temperature was 69.4°.

Sunday brought in second and third place fish. Jim Schaefer on the Equinal pulled in a 241 lb. mako and Bob Peterson boated a 153 lb. mako on the Wide Open.

Top honors for the most productive captains and boats went first to Captain Ray Schmidt and his Wide Open. Captain George Anderus of the Avatar took second and third went to Captain Jim Schaefer and his Equinal.

Though the makos were most visible at the weigh stations, more than twice as many brown and blue sharks were tagged and released.

Heartbreak of the week was the 2½

hour battle with a large fish on Bruce Bandes' Special Lady that terminated with a snapped line.

SALT WATER FISHERMEN GOING PICNICKING

The Salt Water Anglers of Bergen County, N.J. will have a picnic at Pleasureland on Route 202 in Oakland for its members and friends on Sunday, July 26, 1981, starting at 10:30 a.m.

Swimming, games, and other activities will be available and food will be served all day. The menu will be chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers, corn, watermelon, beer, and soda. There will be prizes for all kinds of fishing equipment.

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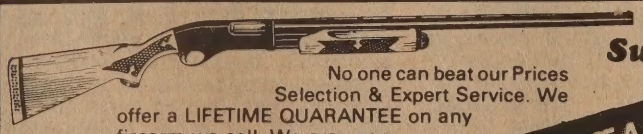

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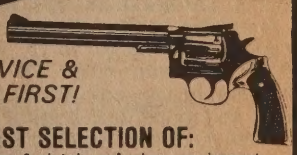

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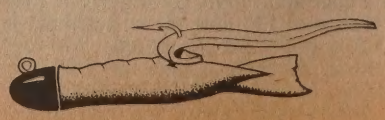

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NATIONAL SCENE

Bass Catch Continues Drop

by Al Ristori

According to the latest information bulletin from the Emergency Striped Bass Study, the commercial striped bass catch in 1979 was well below the 1929-1976 average. Actually, the use of that average makes things look even better than they are since it includes a lot of lean years prior to the Fifties.

During the 1929-1976 period the average commercial catch of striped bass was 6,500,000 pounds. In 1979 that figure was just 2,927,000 lbs.—and the 1980 catch was probably even lower. No state equalled the long term average catch, but Massachusetts (which is strictly hook and line, plus some pound net catch) came closest with 398,000 lbs.—just 2,000 lbs. below average. Surprisingly, New York wasn't too far off at 435,000 lbs. (65,000 lbs. below average)—but New Jersey fell from an average of 300,000 lbs. to just 40,000. The biggest losses were in Maryland (774,000 lbs.—down from an average of 2,600,000) and Virginia (467,000 lbs.—down from an average of 1,500,000).

The 1979 NMFS Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey came up with an estimate of 1,181,000 striped bass caught by recreational fishermen from Maine to Texas. Of this, 185,000 bass were caught in New England and 948,000 in the Mid-Atlantic—with almost all of the latter coming from New York (276,000) and Maryland (649,000). Because previous surveys used different criteria, it is impossible to compare these figures accurately with those of other years. It's also difficult to compare them to the commercial figures as the latter are in pounds while the survey is in numbers of fish. Furthermore, there is probably a great deal of duplication as much of the recreational catch is sold.

Despite the sharp decline in striped bass populations, this species remains one of the great challenges for saltwater anglers. However, the numbers caught are certainly insignificant when compared to some other species. According to the survey, recreational fishermen caught bluefish in 1979 at a rate of far better than 15 to 1 in the Mid-Atlantic area; while in New England the ratio was more than 25 to 1! In the Mid-Atlantic the striper ranked only 17th among all species in terms of numbers landed, falling behind such unwanted species as bergalls and sea robins—and finishing just ahead of toadfish! In the North Atlantic the striper was 18th.

Looking back on the 1965 recreational survey we can see how far the striper has fallen. The numbers provided then were considered to be exaggerated, perhaps by as much as 100%. However, even at that, the North Atlantic (which at that time included New York as well as New England) catch was estimated at 13,199,000 stripers—which would leave a more conserative estimate of about 6,600,000. This compares with the present (1979) 461,000 for New England plus New York. Though these numbers are only estimates, and somewhat suspect, the comparative ranking of species may be more meaningful.

There's little doubt that the striped bass has fallen on hard times, though you'd never know it from the attitude of some state conservation departments. When conservationists such as Bob Rance were calling for action to moderate the catch back in the days of abundance a decade or so ago, there were few listeners in high places. Some discretion in the use of this long-lived species then would have resulted in a much more productive fishery now—even if the spawning years had not been any better. It's almost sickening to think of the numbers of stripers that were once killed for prices of 10-15 cents per pound!

Ironically, the one silver lining that I have to report came from ex-Assembly Speaker and gubernatorial candidate Perry Duryea, Jr., who I bumped into in Montauk recently. Perry, who prevented protective legislation for striped bass from getting through while he was a power in the Assembly, told me that there was a much better spawn in Maryland waters this spring—perhaps the best in years. About 15 years ago I had lunch with Duryea in Albany and he promised that he'd be the first to do something about striped bass protection should that species ever be in "trouble." Unfortunately, Perry is no longer in a position to do anything about that promise and we're going to need one of those "miracles of nature" to bail us out of this one!

NMFS Preparing for 100% Japanese Longliner Coverage

According to the June issue of the NMFS Southeast Observer News, a recruitment announcement for 25 observers has been issued, though final approval has not been received as yet. At the time, 100% observer coverage (paid for by the Japanese) had been approved by both the House Appropriations Committee and the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee. All Japanese longliners had left the Gulf of Mexico by May 6, at which time the observed bluefin catch was 1621. Since about 20% of the fleet was observed, the other boats either did poorly—or the Japanese overcaught their self-imposed (with U.S. pressure) 7000 giant limit. Another 982 bluefins (presumably mostly mediums) had been caught by Japanese longliners in the Atlantic by the end of May. Word from Gloucester is that Cape Cod Bay is off to a slow start with only 8 giants harpooned by the end of June. The first tuna to arrive are usually "wild" and can only be taken by harpoon.

Author's Amberjack Tag Demonstrates Migratory pattern

Back in the summer of 1974 I joined the State of North Carolina's Fishing and Hunting Editor, Joel Arrington, for some amberjack and cobia fishing on the little fished 12 Mile Wreck off Carolina Beach—near the southern end of the state. I took along a bunch of American Littoral Society tags and used them on a good many amberjack. On January 27 this year, Richard Blum of Burlington, Vermont, was fishing the deep water area off Islamorada known as "The Hump" when he hooked a 45 lb. amberjack aboard Captain Skip Nielsen's charter boat "For The Birds." As it turned out, that was one of the smaller amberjack (about 20 lbs.) I had tagged for Joel about 6½ years before and much further north. The American Littoral Society Tagging Program provides the angler with the opportunity to tag any species he cares to for a very modest price. All this information is filed, and provided to the scientific community whenever they can make use of it.

The American Littoral Society is a broad-based organization that encourages the study of marine life and care of the habitat. Membership (which includes the magazine "Underwater Naturalist") is $10 for students, $15 for other individuals, and $20 for clubs. A kit of 10 tags, a needle, and instructions costs $3.50—which is tax deductible. The address is American Littoral Society, Sandy Hook, Highlands, NJ 07732.

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LOST IN THE MAILBAG

Part One — *by William A. Muller*

BELIEVE IT OR NOT! No, not Ripley's famous hype, but we received so many letters last year, that some of them ended up getting mixed up with letters for 1981. Now all of these letters were considered for the Ugly Stik award in 1980, but later found their way into the 1981 mailbag.

HARRY SCHOLZ OF BROOKLYN wites: "I am a catch-and-release fisherman myself, but I have never heard of barbless hooks. Can these hooks be obtained in tackle stores? I have filed the barbs off hooks and thus they become easier to remove. Is this essentially the same thing? May I also say that your magazine is the best thing that ever happened to sport fishing." Well, Harry, I wonder if you still think we are such hot stuff now that it has taken almost half a year for your letter to appear in the column. To the point of your questions. Some tackle distributors and tackle stores do offer barbless hooks to their customers. However, it's far more common for a fisherman to prepare his or her own barbless hooks in the same or similar manner as you describe for your own fishing. You can file down the barbs, but you can also squeeze them down against the shaft of the hook with a pliers. The use of barbless hooks is not in widespread use in saltwater, but it has been a common practice with many freshwater fishermen. Still, the problems are different for each breed of angler. Freshwater fish are much more susceptible to the touch of man and also tend to go into shock more readily during the battle. Saltwater fish seem less likely to be affected by these two factors and therefore most saltwater anglers used barbed hooks. Barbed hooks need to be removed carefully and quickly from the fish that we wish to release. Many fishermen carry long-nosed pliers for this purpose. The fish to be released should NOT be held tightly since the grip could damage internal organs. It seems better to gently pin a fish against the sand or against some soft surface on the boat. The hand is placed flat over the side of the head and upper body with firm but gentle pressure. The other hand should first attempt to back the hook out of its position. Exaggerated twisting and pushing of the hook should not be practiced. Sometimes the hook will give easily if it is gently rotated without a pulling or pushing pressure. This technique will often open a small hole in the jaw tissue. Now, when the hook is pushed back it may exit easily and cleanly. If the hook has penetrated the bone, the pliers will help to generate a straight back-push with enough force to move it out of its position. The angler who intends to release his catch needs to practice these techniques on smaller fish with softer mouths before attempting to release the larger game fish. In this way speed will complement competence. It is important that the fish spend as little time as possible out of water. Heavily bleeding fish should not be returned. Once the hook has been removed, the fish should be returned to the water. One hand should support the head while the other holds the base of the tail firmly but not with pressure. Push the fish back and forth in the water or point the head into the current. When the fish begins to revive, the gills will move and the body will begin to undulate. Remove the head support but hold the tail. Wiggle the fish with the hand holding the tail. When the fish is revived and ready to swim away you will feel the pull its movements generate in your hand. The revived fish, in a loose grasp, will remain upright and not tilt over onto its side. Such a fish can be released with confidence. Practicing techniques of removing barbed hooks and reviving your catch may be more practical for catching and releasing saltwater gamefish which tend to fight longer and harder. Without barbs many fish will be lost quickly after the hit.

JOSEPH GRAFFAGNINO, ALSO OF BROOKLYN. It seems Joe is into rearing fish in tanks. His interest sparked some curiosity about cross breeding. "My plan involves cross breeding an Oscar with a large or a small mouth bass. I am willing to donate years of time in this pursuit and have daily documentation on all aspects of this project. I am planning to house these fish in 150 gallon tanks in my basement and I am willing to share my findings with those who share my interest. Has this been tried before? Is it feasible?" Your idea for this project is very interesting. I must first begin by telling you that when it comes to freshwater species, my knowledge is quite limited. However, we can offer the following general advice and information. The development of hybrids of related fish species has been of considerable interest to fisheries biologists and conservation authorities. Perhaps the best and most successful example of such a hybrid is the cross between the striped bass (**Morone saxatilis**) and the white bass (**Morone chrysops**). Both fish, as you can see, belong to the same genus (Morone)! The hybrid produced has been especially well suited for certain types of lakes. They seem to grow faster than either of their parents. But that is the key to cross breeding. One does not want to cross-breed as a game. Hybrids are produced when experts believe that the resulting offspring will serve a unique purpose without disturbing the natural balance. Now to your example. In order for hybridization to be possible the species must be closely related. This is not the case with the species you mention. The large and the small mouth basses belong to the genus **Micropterus** while the Oscar is in the genus **Astromotus**. Even IF these species were in the same genus, they come from different areas of the world and thus have been isolated for perhaps many millenia at least. Thus, their genetics would have wandered apart and the likelihood of successful cross breeding would diminish. Perhaps you should consult with biologists at the New York State DEC about more suitable cross breeds and offer your services.

PATRICK WEST OF COLLEGE POINT. Pat wrote to express his surprise at finding oysters in the waters near College Point. "I have been fishing and playing in the waters around here since I was five-years-old and although I have seen many oyster shells I have never noticed any live oysters until recently. The waters here seem cleaner to me than I can ever remember." Pat goes on to demonstrate a great deal of knowledge about the anatomy and the behavior of oysters. He knows that they are very prolific and that just a few oysters are capable of producing millions of young. He also told us that fewer than one percent of the spawn will survive under natural conditions. That shouldn't make us unhappy because, in general, nature only intends that a small percentage of any generation of plants and animals survive. In fact, the typical percentage is one or two percent. Only man seems to violate nature's intention although there are some species that

might experience a high survival rate of the young for one or two breeding seasons. "My questions therefore are: Why did these oysters suddenly reappear in western Sound waters? Could the water be getting cleaner? If the oysters are coming back could this be evidence that the overall environment is improving?"

ALL QUESTIONS KIND OF RELATED! It is true, to answer your second question first, that the waters in the western Sound are getting cleaner. This is primarily the result of increased attention to sewage treatment by New York City and the western Sound towns. Thus, it is true that oysters probably would have a hard time surviving in polluted waters; therefore, the response to question three is that the overall environmental quality seems to be improving. A cleaner habitat is more suitable for a wide variety of plants and animals that otherwise struggle to survive in poor habitats and abused habitats. The most dangerous result of pollution seems to be a reduction in species diversity. Now to question one. Oysters need a source for their renaissance; that is, there has to be a brood stock. The abuses of the waters in our area combined with several mass attacks by starfish invasion a few decades back decimated the oysters and most folks believe that there weren't enough, if any, brood stock left to sire the oysters you see today. Instead, we believe the establishment of several oyster farms, one in Oyster Bay and one at Lilco in Northport, put adults into the environment. These adults spawned and their larvae began to drift east and west in the Sound. The result has been the unexpected appearance of oysters from College Point to points east.

WILLIAM BEEHEL. Unfortunately, it was hard to decipher many parts of your letter. However, I read what I could with interest because you make some very important points. I gather from the parts I could read, that Mr. Beehel is concerned about construction activity in the Jones Beach pier areas. These activities Bill, are a result of attempts by the State to stop erosion. Erosion in many areas is so bad and is proceeding at such a fast pace that if allowed to go unchecked might jeopardize our access. If I misunderstood, please write back. Incidentally, this allows me to make an important point. Although many of you may experience no difficulty at home or at work with others reading your handwriting, this may be because they are used to it. However, it is often my first experience with your writing and I may have trouble. If you have typing skills, a typed letter will help me to respond accurately to your letter. However, few folks type and therefore let me ask you to write as carefully as you can. I know that most of you would have trouble reading my scribble, so give me a break with yours. Thanks.

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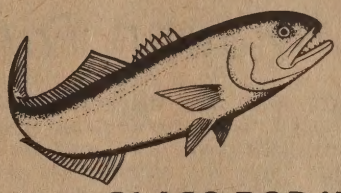

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SURF FISHING

FOR A CHANGE OF PACE

by John Fritz

The fishing season has passed into what many surfmen refer to as the Summer Doldrums. The lively fishing associated with the arrival of the game fish species has slackened off while the hectic activity often encountered along the beaches during the fall run is several weeks in the future. While many anglers will be content to bide their time until the chilling winds of approaching winter stimulates the fishing scene, other surfmen, willing to modify their habits, will continue to take fish throughout this slow period. One such group of active surfmen find many hours of enjoyment seeking weakfish from the jumbled rocks of the Sore Thumb using live snappers as bait.

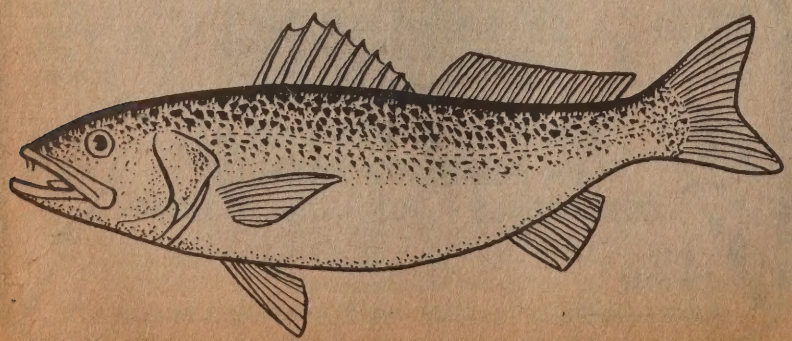
For those of you unfamiliar with the Thumb, it is a man-made spit of land jutting into the northern edge of Fire Island Inlet just about opposite Democrat Point. Although buggies are permitted on the Thumb, this privilege is restricted to Babylon Town residents in possession of a current Beach Buggy Permit, therefore non-residents are advised to park their vehicles in the parking lot at Cedar Beach Overlook and make the moderate walk east along the beach.

Even though each face of the Thumb can be productive for different species of fish throughout the season, the regulars fishing the Thumb for weakfish tend to congregate along the east face at this time of the year. Due to the choice location of the Sore Thumb, nestled inside the mouth of the inlet, heavy surf conditions prevailing in the open sea will have minimal effect on this specialized activity. Blustery winds from the north or east quarters will hinder the fishing, largely because it makes the securing of the required bait difficult if not impossible.

The close proximity of a supply of fresh bait with the actual fishing location makes this a unique area for surf fishermen. The snappers are taken from the northern tip of the jetty where it juts into the outward flow creating a minor rip, ideal for predators to prey on smaller baitfish. This bait, after surviving the dash along the open sand flats surrounding the Thumb, seek safety among the nooks and crannies of the construction rubble. Unfortunately the predator takes advantage of this set of circumstances, thus creating the ideal conditions for knowing anglers.

Regulars, equipped with a pail and a light one-handed rod, cast small tins similar to the quarter-ounce Hopkins or Kastmaster lures to the anxious snappers lurking in the swirling currents. Tiny hammered finish Krocodile, Side Winder or Wob-L-Rite spoons are also extremely effective for these aggressive young of the bluefish clan. Three or four lip hooked snappers placed in a pail of saltwater are sufficient to get the actual fishing started. More than this number kept in a container without an aerator will rapidly deplete the oxygen supply and the snappers will die. Even with frequent changes of water, it is inevitable that some of these young bluefish will expire. Do not be too quick to feed the local gull population, for at times the snappers can be difficult to catch and fresh dead snapper is a good second choice bait. The live snapper is hooked high in the back, being careful not to pierce the spinal column, and slung towards the Oak Beach Inn. The preferred fishing location is off the northwest corner of the Thumb with latecomers lining up to the right or in a southerly direction.

Stout 10 or 11 foot rods are favored for this type fishing for the necessary 4 to 6 oz. sinkers and increasingly larger bait as the season progresses necessitates a rod with sufficient backbone. Another reason for using tackle which seemingly outclasses the fighting abilities of the weakfish is due to the build-up of weed which occasionally thwarts even the most serious minded angler. At times when the weed condition occurring in the inlet is intolerable, knowledgeable fishermen plan their trips to coincide with periods close to slack water.



The fishfinder rig, without a cork when using live bait, is favored by most Thumb regulars. Depending on the strength of the existing currents, a pyramid sinker of between 4 and 6 oz. is necessary. If it is essential to resort to fresh dead snapper or as many anglers do when snappers are impossible to obtain, frozen mackerel chunks, a surf rig with a 2''x1'' oval cork is occasionally substituted for the primary rig. A 3/0 or 4/0 short shanked hook is often the choice when live snapper is being used for bait. The lightest hook feasible should used to allow the snapper the greatest possible freedom. Common sense in regard to the size of the bait prevalent will determine the hook selection. Therefore, unless prior knowledge of existing conditions is known, it is wise to carry a few different hook sizes when planning a trip to the Thumb.

When the use of fresh dead snapper is necessary, it is often advantageous to perform a bit of surgery in order to present the bait in a more lifelike manner. Some of the more successful Thumb regulars use a scissors to snip off the head, tail and cut out the backbone in an attempt to further entice the weakfish into taking the bait. The third choice of bait, frozen mackerel, are usually cut across the spine into 1 to 2 inch thick chunks. With the bait cut in this manner the skin will hold the flesh intact whereas if fillets are used it is wise to wrap the bait with thread to prevent the flesh from disintegrating after it has thawed. A hook style often chosen when fishing with cut bait is a 3/0 to 5/0 stainless steel Siwash. On hooks of this type the extra long point allows the business end of the hook to protrude from the bait, ready to penetrate the jaw of any game fish which seizes the offering.

As stated previously, the most popular type sinker in use in this instance is the pyramid. Even though the Sore Thumb is a tangle of broken concrete and twisted reinforcing rods,

the bottom formation a short distance off consists mainly of unobstructed sand. When reeling in the line to check the bait or clear the terminal gear of weed, it is advisable to hold the rod tip high and make a fast retrieve, for once the terminal gear approaches the base of the jetty a snagged rig is a likely possibility if it is permitted to sink. When attempting to land a green fish, fouled lines are a common mishap when the fish makes a last effort at freedom by diving into the depths. It is better to tire the fish in the open waters before any attempt is made at a landing.

Similar to conditions encountered when fishing from most jetties, the landing of a struggling fish can be a tricky undertaking. This is especially true when fishing the bottom of the tide when the lower rocks, covered with slippery marine growth, become exposed. Any try at reaching the water's edge should be undertaken with care, for footing at this time can be treacherous. A willing partner is an ideal answer to landing fish when poor footing is encountered. In the absence of such a companion it is common practice to beach a fish by sliding it into a crevice or depression in the rocks. In many instances smaller weakfish can be lifted out of the water and swung ashore but their tissue-paper mouth makes this method a gamble. Even a long-handled jetty gaff is not the ultimate answer for the gradual slope of the rock formations at low water forces the angler to climb over twisted steel rods and slippery rocks.

Weakfish can be taken on either tide at this time although most anglers prefer the incoming water. From the side of the Thumb facing Captree, the force of the flooding tide is less severe permitting the bottom rig to remain in place without accumulating an excessive build-up of weed. As any Thumb regular is aware, there are occasions when Fire Island Inlet is inundated with marine vegetation of all sorts making bottom fishing on any moving tide impossible.

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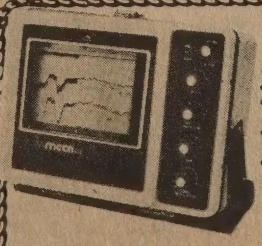

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SINKER BOUNCING

OUR CHANGING TIMES

by Matt Ahern

As a pupil of the old school, I am sometimes amazed at what is happening in today's fishing world. Perhaps "shocked" is a stronger word. I'll tell you in all truth, I don't quite understand what's going on around us. Two years ago my buddy Artie Leidecker told me that he too was aware of subtle changes. He called them a lack of respect for the fishing game. "I think regard for the finer things is going out the window," said Artie.

I ignored the observation, for surely I had respect and high regard for the fishing game, as did all my fishing buddies. And surely I had never seen evidence of disrespect. Gripes? Sure. Plenty of them. Breathes there a fisherman with soul so dead who never to himself hath said: "Damn it all to hell anyway!" I was certain that Artie, so often right about things pertaining to fishing, was now definitely wrong for once. But alas and alack, he was right all the time.

Some weeks ago I was fluke fishing aboard a party boat. We spent several hours drifting the Romer Shoals area and—to put it mildly—none of us did well at all. From there we tried the Coney Island flats. Same results. I had one keeper, a sprinkling of fishermen down the line had two or three, but none was reaping a bonanza. Especially the fisherman alongside. He was among the few who had yet to catch his first fluke.

Because this fisherman was not over-friendly, I kept more or less to myself. In the middle of the third drift off Norton's Point, which until then had not yielded even one fluke, this fisherman turned to me and bitterly exclaimed: "This skipper doesn't know a damned thing about fluke fishing—and I'm going to tell him so!"

I was shocked. "Run that by me again," I said. "I don't think I heard you right the first time."

"I'm going up there and I'm telling the skipper he doesn't know how to find fluke."

"Well," I said. "I hope you know how to swim."

And off he went to the wheel house. A few minutes later he was back. He seemed none the worse for wear. I didn't know if I should inquire about the outcome, but I was curious. And besides that, I'd been more or less drawn into the confrontation, so I figured what the hell.

"What'd he say?" I asked.

Have faith in your skipper—he knows what he's doing.

"Told me never to come on board his boat again."

Lucky man. I used to fish with skippers who...well, never mind.

Those who read this column regularly know that I've been party boat fishing for well over a half-century, both as paying passenger and mate. And in all those long years, this was the first time I'd seen anyone act as did this disgruntled fisherman. No one in my time would have even dared to tell the skipper he didn't know what he was doing. A fellow might entertain the thought, but he never voiced it.

When I told Artie about this indicent, he called it disrespect. And maybe he's right, but I think it is the lack of intelligent thought that is more to blame. What is commonly overlooked is the fact that many of today's party boat skipper have been at the game for as much as 50 years. No one can make me believe such skippers don't know what they are doing.

During my early fishing life, when there were more fish around than there are today, we also had our slow days. I'd like to have a dollar for every time the chant of "Move the boat!" was heard. And I've forgotten how many times a fisherman would suggest that the skipper would make a good barber. But it was all done with a semblance of respect, for believe me if you think you are suffering when the fish refuse to bite, you have no idea of what the skipper goes through.

So, for those fellows who think the skipper doesn't know what he's doing, there is only one remedy. Try another boat if you think that will be of any help. It's up to you. Don't be surprised though if you miss out on some good fishing when the skipper you now look upon with a jaundiced eye hits his stride. If you must find fault, blame the fish for deserting the ground the skipper selected—or the weather. Anything. But please don't blame the skipper.

I suppose by now you are saying: "Boy! This guy sure thinks a lot of party boat skippers." Well, let me say you are right. I don't believe I've ever known a selected group more dedicated and hardworking than our professional party boat skippers. (Charter boat skippers are included in this, too.) I've often thought to myself that there must be an easier way to earn a living.

I don't know what your experiences have been with party boat skippers; maybe I've been lucky. I like to think so anyway. I say this because of all those long years I've put in, I've had only one bad experience.

One Saturday evening some years ago my phone rang. "This is Captain

Soandso of the Suchandsuch. My mate can't make it in the morning. Can you give me a hand?"

Sure, Why not? Do unto others...

I showed bright and early the next morning, got the boat ready as best I could, and waited for the skipper and whatever passengers might decide to take advantage of the beautiful weather. About 30 fishermen were on hand by leaving time. Unfortunately, the skipper arrived about an hour late. That should have been the tip-off that something was wrong. There were a lot of anxious sinker bouncers by the time he stepped aboard. "Don't worry, fellers," the skipper told them. "I'll make up the lost time."

This skipper was not only a stranger to me, but he was close-mouthed; this alone made the job more difficult than it should have been under ordinary circumstances. We got away all right and the first stop we made was on the old Stone Barge. Right then the fishing gods put on the finicky act. Outside of a meagre handful of small sea bass and a scattering of ling, the fishing was dead. Not once, though, did the skipper come down and check. Maybe by so doing he couldn't increase the catch, but he would have at least shown he was aware of his passenger's disappointment.

Unless he's asked for an opinion, a party boat mate as a rule will keep his mouth shut. The skipper is the skipper and he's due proper respect. But it went against my grain to watch 30 fishermen being bored to death by inactivity. Finally after much too long a time, the skipper decided to make a move. This time to the Cholera Bank.

We anchored up and immediately a few more ling and sea bass came up. But that was it. We'd caught what few fish there were in the area; there were no more. An hour or so later one of the Freeport party boats dropped anchor about 200 yards south of us and began to chum. Within five minutes bluefish were coming over the rail. There seemed no end to the hectic fishing. At the start, this action afforded some relief from boredom for our passengers, but this quickly turned to envy. However, our skipper wasn't fazed one bit. He remained in the wheel house without comment, nor did he give evidence of wanting to try other spots.

I guess three hours passed in this most boring manner before the Freeport party boat decided to call it quits. They had loaded up. The boat's skipper gave his three whistle going-home signal and away they went. I quickly chunked some bergalls and passed them out, telling the fishermen to try for blues on the bottom. In five minutes we had seven husky blues up to eight-nine pounds. And that was that. While those blues were in the chum line, there was no use in trying but when the boat's engine started up, the frightened fish dove for bottom and some of them found our baits.

I think that was the worst party boat trip I have ever made. Not because there were so few fish caught (I've had it worse), but because the skipper seemed not to care if fish were caught or not. If only he had tried, even if he'd known in his heart that it was hopeless, I'm sure those disgruntled fishermen would have given him another chance. But from what they told me on the way in, I knew none would be back.

I recall that when I was paid for my day's work, the skipper asked if he could depend on me to help out should his regular mate be unable to make it again. I said the only thing I could have: "Thanks—but no thanks, skipper."

But all in all, to sail with a skipper such as this is highly unlikely. This poor fellow was only the exception to the rule. I heard later that he finally wound up selling his boat to an enterprising young skipper who had to change the boat's name to overcome the black mark its former skipper had given it.

So, I'll repeat. When you find a skipper who really does try, who gives you a fair shake, stick with him. He'll get you fish. And while he's doing this, believe that he knows what he's doing. Take it from me, he certainly does—every step of the way.

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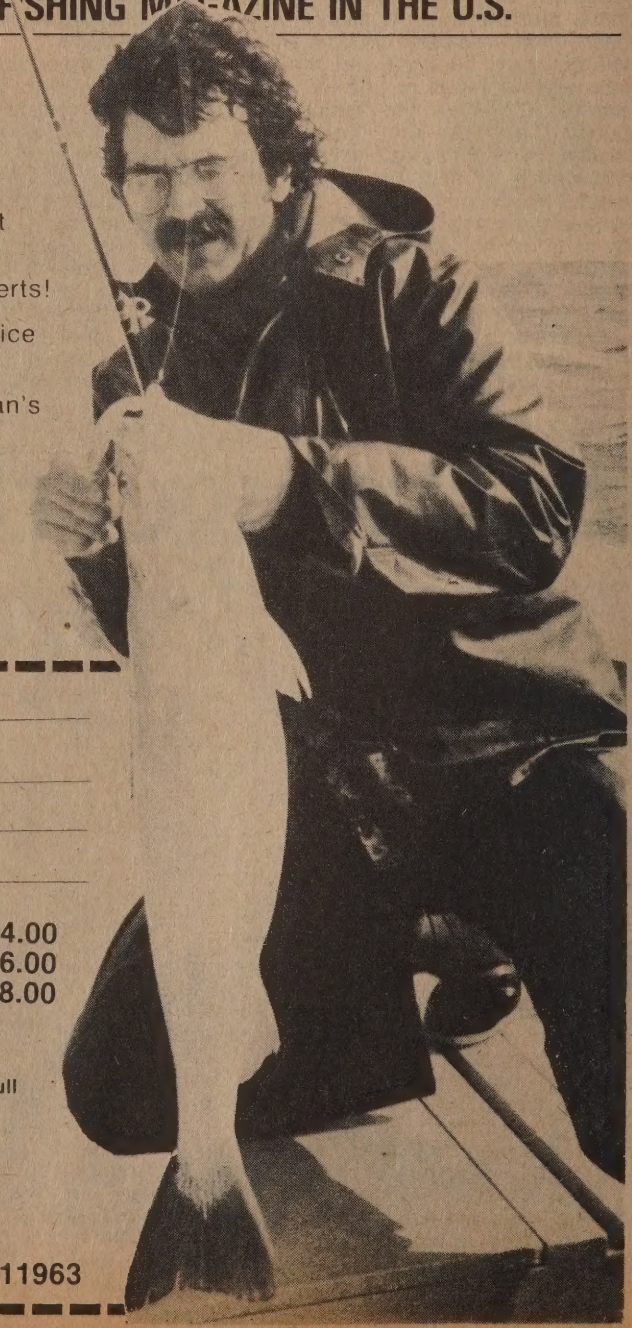

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BOATING TIPS

"READING" SHORELINES

by Bob Whittier

The famous storybook detective Sherlock Holmes trained himself to be observant, and to make deductions from seemingly obscure things he had noticed. He could startle a person by deducing his occupation, for example, from observing a telltale callous at a certain place on the man's hand, caused by constant use of a certain type of tool.

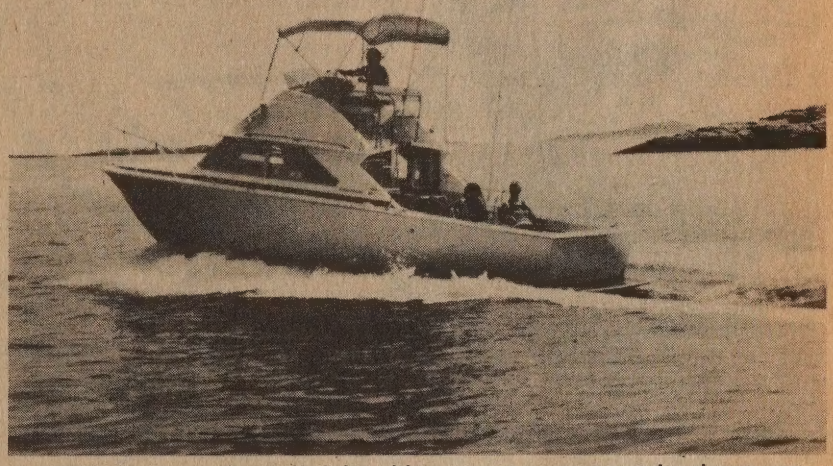
Experienced seafarers such as commercial fishermen also learn to deduce useful information from things they notice about them. Often they startle landlubber passengers by pinpointing their location on a foggy day from clues they have gleaned from the motion of the water under them, things seen floating in the water, the flight of certain birds and you-name-it.

A good boatman can also "read" interesting things from studying shore lines.

Civil engineers have a technical term, "angle of repose." If you make piles from assorted kinds of sand, gravel, mud, etc., you will find that each material tends to form a cone-shaped pile whose sides have a particular steepness. A coarse sand will make a steep-sided cone, while a very fine sand will slump down into a lower cone with more gradual slope. This is because, depending on the size, shape and surface texture of the individual particles that compose it, any kind of loose material will have its own characteristic "angle of repose." This holds true whether you have a pile of talcum powder, sawdust, coal—or beach sand.

Thus, a beach composed of fine-grained sand will tend to have a quite gradual slope seaward, while one composed of a gravelly sand will have a steeper slope. Bathers may love to cavort on a beach of fine, smooth sand. They may not realize that the "angle of repose" is what causes the bottom to slope gradually, and to them, safely, seaward. The boatman who knows he is cruising past a coastline of such fine sandy beaches can deduce, however, that shallow water may extend some distance offshore and so he had better watch out lest he run aground.

On the other hand, suppose one is making one's way along a channel that goes from a sheltered mooring to the open sea, along a lengthy sand spit. If it can be seen that the beach sand is liberally loaded with pebbles, one can deduce with reasonable safety that out at the end of the sand spit, this coarse material will cause the bottom to drop off fairly steeply. Deep water will thus be but a short distance out from the end of the spit. While a large sportfisherman worth a mountain of money would be well advised to stick to the buoyed channel, most outboard boats can expect to find amply deep water under them even when cutting close to the tip of the spit.



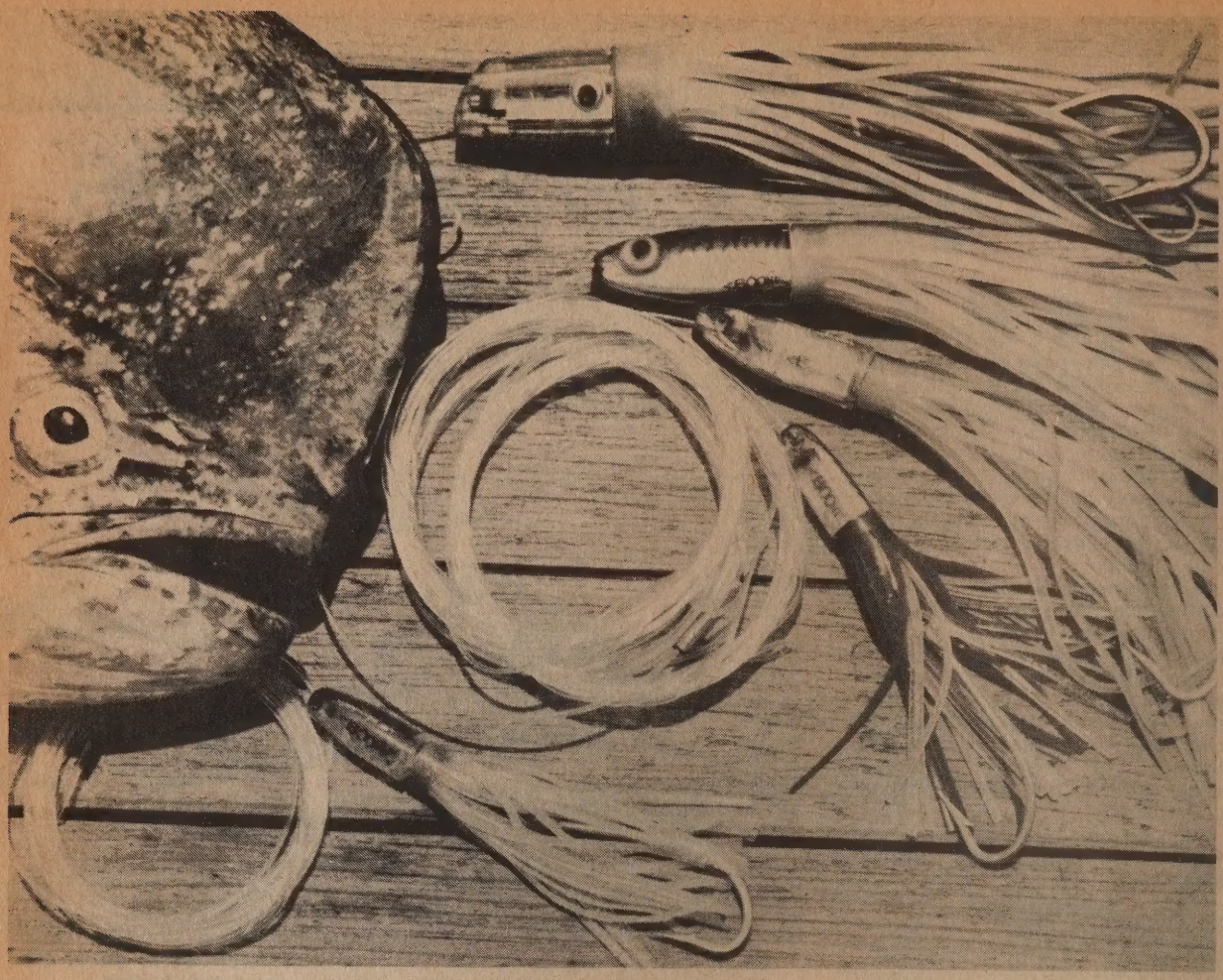
When you know what to look for, things you can see on nearby shores can tell you a lot about what the water under your boat may be like.

Mud is a mixture of fine sand and water—really sand dust and water. Wind blows sand along beaches, tiny fragments break off the tumbling grains, wind carries this dust over dunes and into the water behind sand spits, where it settles to the bottom. Over the centuries it mixes with decayed vegetable matter to form a gooey mud. The tiny size of the dust particles, aided by the fluidity of the water mixed in with it, gives the stuff a very low angle of repose. Tidewater moving back and forth daily aids the leveling process. So this is why mud flats are flat. When a channel is dredged in it, the natural angle of repose of the stuff makes it tend to slide into the channel and soon make it too shallow for boat traffic. This is why some inlets need constant dredging, and why it is sometimes uneconomic to attempt dredging in otherwise ideal locations from the boat owner's point of view.

Where you have a rocky shoreline, such as in Maine, it tends to be a general rule that the angle of the land coming down to the water's edge tends to continue below water level. That explains why you often see lobster boats work in so close to headlands that you'd expect them to be running aground. Of course, there can be exceptions, and the lobstermen have learned where to be wary of underground rock masses just off a point. An easy hand on the throttle and one eye on the depth sounder is the way for the visiting boatman to operate in such areas, of course.

Where high hills formed by glacial action come to the water's edge and there is erosion, over the centuries wind and rain erodes the sand and sends rocks and boulders tumbling onto the beach. You can expect the bottom to be paved with rocks for some distance off such a headland. If you're looking for species of fish that like rocky bottoms, fine. But if you're going from A to B, better steer a course well out from the end of such a headland.

So you see, you can learn to "read" a shore line when you know these basics.



THE OFFSHORE REVOLUTION

by Al Ristori

"Spend $20 for a lure? You must be out of your mind!" That's the usual reaction an offshore fisherman gets when he tells a friend that he's just purchased one of the high speed trolling lures that have revolutionized blue water fishing. Of course, one lure will hardly do the job—and the total investment in a selection of these colorful baits will cost as much as another big game outfit.

On the face of it, that sounds like a very extravagant move. However, the economics are really on your side. Most of these new lures are extremely durable, and will last indefinitely—if your tackle holds together! A true picture of their expense can only be obtained by comparing the outlay for the lures with what you would be spending on bait throughout the season. In case you haven't noticed, good quality frozen baitfish are hardly inexpensive these days. Even the best of them don't last all day, and it's usually a matter of one hit per bait. Furthermore, you must carry a great many baits in order to be prepared for a spurt of action—and those thawed out, but not used, aren't worth refreezing again. Unless you're a "once-a-year" offshore troller, those artificial lures look pretty cheap in comparison with the real thing!

However, cost is only a minor consideration in the decision about how to troll offshore these days. As expensive as fuel is, that which goes at the terminal end of your tackle becomes a relatively minor consideration. If you can afford to go offshore at all, you can't afford to be without these lures!

It takes the average angler a good bit of time to adjust his thinking sufficiently to go offshore without a supply of frozen bait. There's just something about the real thing that makes us believe that big game fish can't resist it. This is the case even though we may be trolling a mullet for blue marlin (though that oceanic billfish has surely never even seen a strictly inshore-living mullet before), an eel for white marlin, or a balao in the canyons—hundreds of miles north and offshore of where that species is known to exist! The fact of the matter is that oceanic fish can't afford to pick and choose very often. If they're hungry, they'll attack whatever is available and small enough to swallow. If they're not hungry, they're less likely to strike a slow moving dead bait that they can examine at their leisure than a fast moving lure which may trigger an automatic response.

There are also other good reasons to make the switch to artificials. How many times have you been trolling bait when things appear to be absolutely dead, and after trolling for hours you wind up in the lines to go home and find that you've been

dragging the skin and bones of a washed out bait? I had to admit it, but that's happened to me numerous times, and I've seen some of the best crews fall into the same trap. Afterwards, you can only wonder if you missed the day-saving action because you hadn't kept checking the baits. Wahoo will often hit a bait so cleanly that it won't even pull from the outrigger pin as it's severed. Those fish get hooked up on lures!

For fishermen such as myself, the best reason of all to use artificials is the convenience. I readily admit to not being worth a damn in the bait rigging department. I'm a ham-handed ling jerker, and anything more complicated to rig than a balao takes an inordinate amount of my time. Therefore, the idea of snapping on a lure that will do the job as well (or better) has a great deal of appeal.

The use of high speed offshore lures is so simple in comparison to bait that even newcomers can usually do quite well with them. Indeed, they may do better at times because they aren't burdened with any preconceived notions from years of bait fishing. Speed is the key to the attractiveness of these lures, but the particular speed selected will vary with the design of the lures. Some are designed by the manufacturer to throw a lot of water and provide action even at normal trolling speeds. Others are crafted for intermediate speeds, and the balance can be fished at the cruising speed of most boats. In every case, the manufacturers specify a range of speeds for their lures.

High speed trolling has its disadvantage in the present cost of fuel, but that's more than offset by the results it produces. Oceanic species don't stay put. Even when they settle into an area for awhile, they move around considerably. The more ground you cover, the better your chances are of being at the right place at the right time. That's especially true with solitary oceanic species such as blue marlin. There's a lot of water in-between each blue marlin, and your odds of meeting one increase in proportion to the area you cover. With high speed lures, anglers are now finding that blue marlin can be just about anywhere in the depths. Quite a few have been hooked by boats dragging a lure far back in the wash as they've cruised from Florida to the Bahamas. That "dead" area, passed over for years, has turned out to be quite productive—though the fish are too scattered to justify trolling at normal speeds.

While a single high speed lure will often draw strikes, you'll get a lot more action by providing a good spread at the more "normal" 8 to 12 knot trolling speeds. The offshore tuna species (yellowfin and bigeye tuna, and albacore) are schooling fish and seem to be particularly attracted to boats dragging a lot of lures. Using a combination of short and long lines (utilizing outriggers and short lines clipped to the stern), six to eight lures can be trolled off most boats—creating an attraction that will bring game fish running from quite a distance. Especially with tuna and dolphin, multiple hook-ups are common. Indeed, the entire day's action may come with one great charge at the lures. If, by some miracle, you save them all, there may not be room aboard for anymore!

Though we don't think of white marlin as being schooling fish, they do have a tendency (like sailfish) to congregate in an area. Therefore, multiple white marlin hook-ups aren't at all unusual. Last summer, Captain Bob Pisano hooked up a "seven-bagger" while canyon fishing aboard his "Ol Salty," out of Belmar, New Jersey with high speed lures. Don't look for charges like that from blue marlin, but Dr. Ben Sherman, of Brooklyn, hooked up a doubleheader last year on The Hump, off Islamorada, Florida, while trolling lures on the maiden voyage of his new boat.

If you're new to this type of fishing, there are a few things to keep in mind. First of all, you may have to use heavier tackle than you did when trolling with bait. Anything can hit any of the lure you have out, and you'll probably have no warning. When fishing with bait you might have put bigger baits, such as mullet or Spanish mackerel, well astern on 80 lb. rigs, while fishing balao on light tackle closer to the boat. If a blue was attracted by the boat, it would probably take the time to select the bigger bait on the heavy rig. However, in high speed lure trolling the fish are likely to strike at the first lure they see. Some anglers get a kick out of fighting a blue marlin or bigeye tuna all day on 20 or 30 lb. gear, but if that's not your bag then stick to a minimum of 6/0 tackle loaded with 50 lb. Dolphin aren't much of a challenge on such tackle, but you'll be glad to have it should a 200 lb. bigeye starts racing for the bottom in 100 fathoms.

Capacity is an important consideration in deep water fishing with lures. When bait fishing you'll often be able to observe the strike and take action immediately, but lure strikes come suddenly and at high speeds. As a result, a great deal of line may be lost before you can get squared away—and the fish also has the great depths to work in.

Another important point with lures is to keep going after you hook up—unless a blue marlin comes flying out of the water. Though only one fish may hit, the school could be within yards. These fish might still hit baits when the boat is slowed, but lures quickly become unattractive when they're not being towed at the proper speed. It's only necessary to maintain speed for a matter of seconds, but those seconds can be critical in terms of your overall catch.

The proper speed is very important in this fishing. I suspect that some lack of success is due to insufficient confidence in higher speeds by

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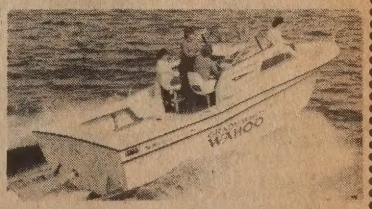

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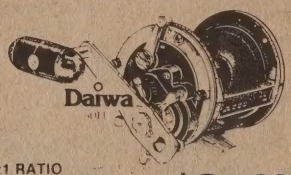

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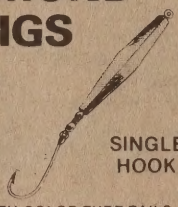

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anglers accustomed to dragging baits. However, the fact of the matter is that every fish being sought in those deep blue waters is quite capable of catching your lure at any speed you can troll it underwater. Indeed, most of them can probably outrace your boat over a short stretch even when it's opened up. Therefore, it's unlikely that you're ever going too fast as long as the lures are swimming underwater—and, perhaps, breaking the surface on occasion.

As in other fishing, you must be alert to signs. There are no baits to tear apart, so you can move from area to area quite quickly. If another boat is catching and you aren't, take careful note of his speed and trolling pattern. The subject of which lure is best is always a controversial one. Favorites can vary from port to port, even though the boats may be fishing the same offshore area. By all means go equipped with those local favorites, but don't ignore other possibilities. The natural tendency is to stay with what's been proven, but another lure or color may turn out to be even more effective.

The tremendous increase in canyon fishing during the past few years has led to a simultaneous boom in the high speed trolling lure business. Several national and local manufacturers are now in this field, and captains who used nothing but bait a few years ago now go to sea equipped exclusively with the new lures. We're hardly pioneers in this area, since the Hawaiians have been fishing this way for decades. Their hook-up ratio is very low in comparison to ours, and I suppose we used to think that was because they were fishing with lures instead of bait—rather than the fact that their waters just aren't as productive as ours. The canyons provide a very special opportunity for us in that they concentrate fish along the edges and narrow down the amount of water we have to search in.

If you haven't tried canyon fishing with high speed lures as yet, give it a shot this summer. Some incredible catches of yellowfin and bigeye tuna, plus the true long-finned albacore and white marlin, were made last year. In other years, wahoo and dolphin have been very abundant—and you'll find no better place to look for a blue marlin north of Chesapeake Bay. Quite a few blues were hooked last year, and some were real giants for our area. Even some mako sharks were taken on high speed lures. As the blue water moves closer to shore late in the summer, this same technique will produce the "exotic" species much closer to shore.

It's no longer necessary to be an expert in order to troll offshore game fish. You can buy high speed trolling lures all rigged with leader and hook, and with a little experimentation can soon be hooking up at a satisfactory rate. Of course, catching the fish is something else—but isn't that what this sport is all about!

FRED'S FISH FACTS

BY FRED GUARDINEER

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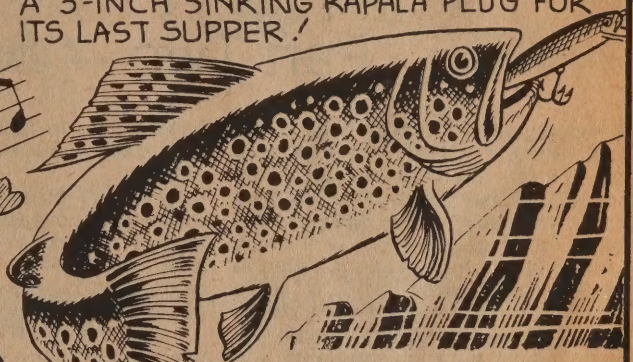

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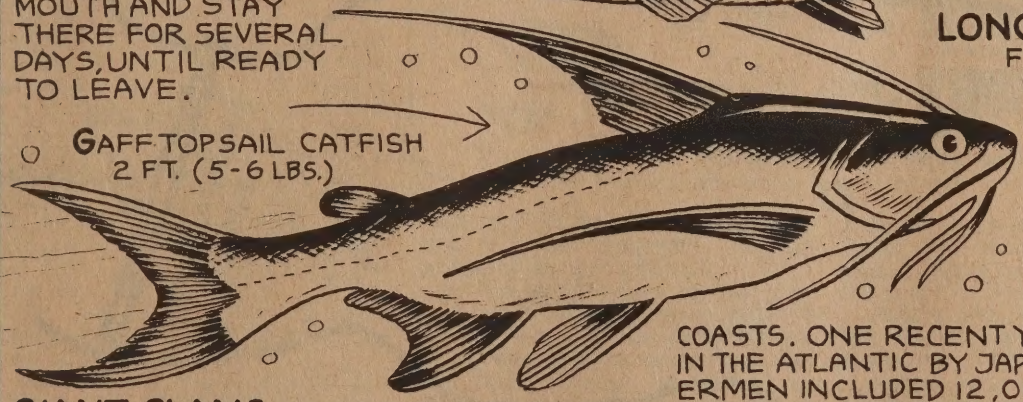

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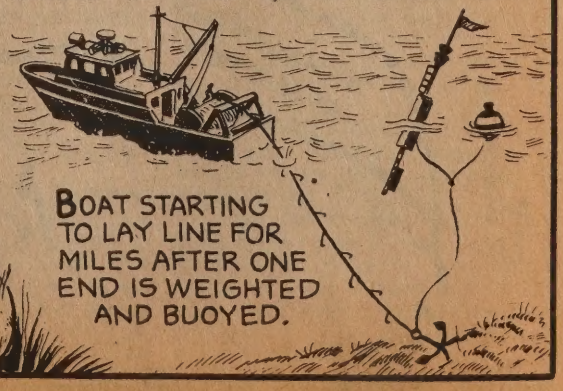


BOAT STARTING TO LAY LINE FOR MILES AFTER ONE END IS WEIGHTED AND BUOYED.

AREA PROFILE:

ROCKAWAY INLET

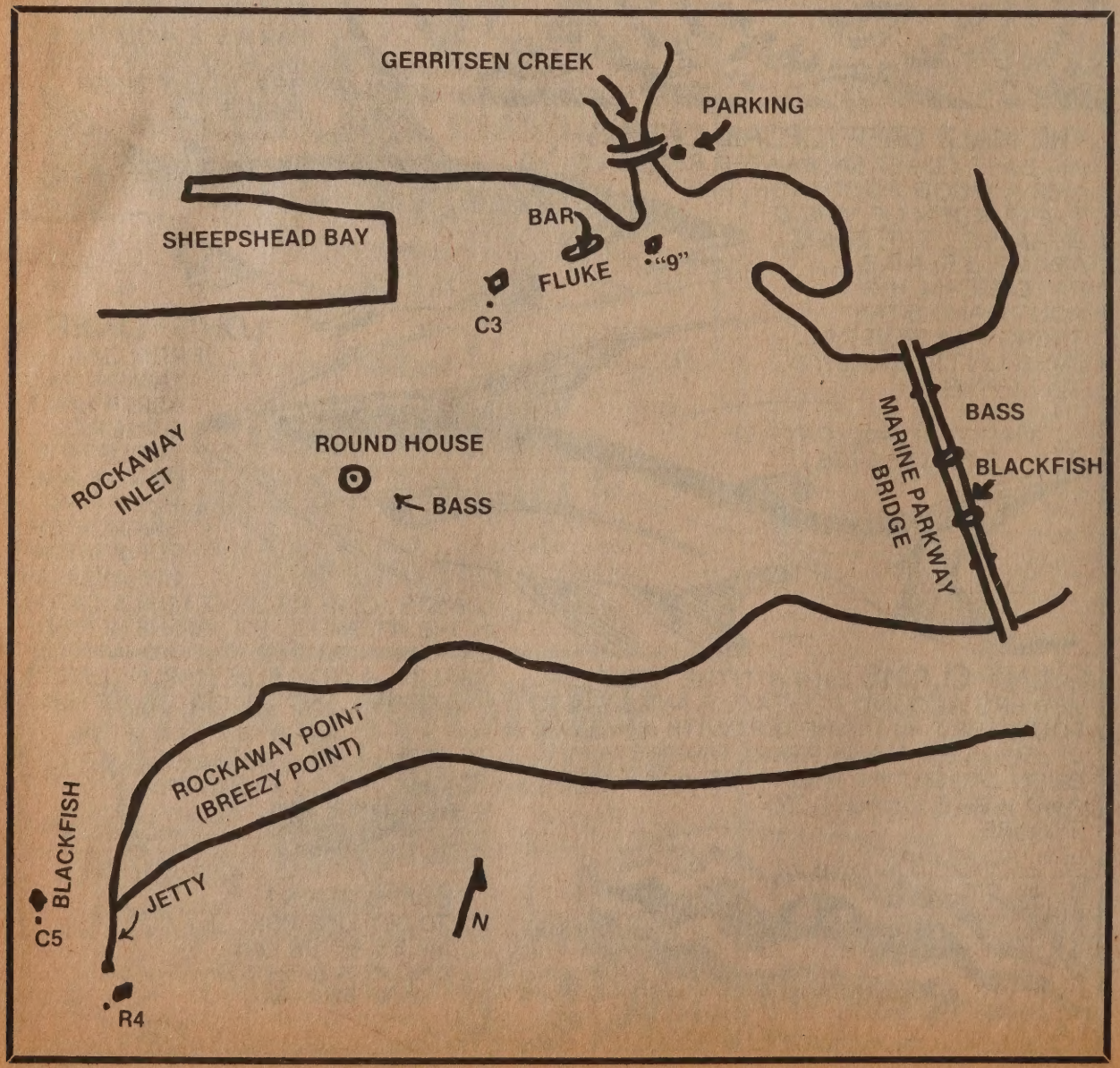
Part Two — *by Denis Useo*

It happens all the time. I'll be in my boat fishing the inlet, and guys pass me running full throttle toward the horizon to fish what they believe would be more fertile grounds. An awful lot of gas, energy, and much needed family time is spent racing to these so-called better grounds. It's a shame because there are many places within Rockaway Inlet where you could fish for the same species as you would further out, and have more fishing time to fish for them. These inlet areas you will learn about as you read on.

First off, you will need a boat. If you're lucky enough to own one and have it moored in the area, you're ahead of the game. If you don't, there are certain factors you should check out as part of planning your trip.

I don't believe there is a launching ramp in the entire inlet, so trailering your rig and expecting to launch it via ramp is a misconception. There are marinas that will launch boats by hoist, but that would only be during their working hours and the fee is expensive. If you're not back by closing time, expect to spend the night aboard.

A quick check of the Yellow Pages for the area will supply you with enough marinas to check as to time and fees for launching services. The Telephone Company will supply you



with a copy of the Brooklyn Yellow Pages free of charge. All you have to do is call the number on the bottom of your bill and request one.

Now that you have done whatever was necessary to get afloat, the next question asked should be "Where do I go?" This, of course, depends on what it is you are fishing for.

Fluke. The number one place for fluke here is right off of Plum Beach. The fluke put up home between buoys C5 and 9. They are respectable fish with few throwbacks. If they are under fourteen inches do us all a favor and return them. Don't just yank the hook out of a short fluke's mouth but try to remove it, and place him back in the water gently. Fishing is done from shore to the channel between the two buoys mentioned. No need to go further; they're not there. Your fishing will be confined to waters 3' to 8' deep. Don't think that the bottom is too close to the top, here the whole range produces.

How to fish? "Drift," did I hear someone say? Not necessarily so. When fishing the flats yes, but there is a sand bar located (see map) which is 6" under at low tide. Fishing this bar will require you to anchor.

Anchor down current to the bar and cast to the top of it and bounce your sinker along the bottom to your boat. Fan your casts to cover the complete side of the bar and work it thoroughly. It should account for 5 or 6 fish each tide. At low tide, this is the only way to do it. At high you have your choice of anchoring or drifting over the bar.

When drifting these shallow waters be sure to let out more line than you normally would. On sunny days especially, the boat casts a dark shadow on the bottom and this seems to make fish wary and shy away from bait presented in or near the shadow.

A light spin rod about 6' long with 10 lb. test line will take care of tackle requirements. For the terminal end, a single hook on a thirty inch leader with about 1 to 2 oz. of lead will do. Shy away from the spinners. They look great in the package and people buy them for that reason, but the fluke here don't buy them.

The last prerequisite for this fishing, but an important one, is a good landing net.

Blackfish. With these guys, there are two spots which are rarely fished yet I've enjoyed outstanding results. In both of these places, you are dealing with strong currents and need about 6 to 8 oz. of lead. Choose your rod and line accordingly.

The two spots mentioned are the Marine Parkway Bridge and buoy C5 off of the jetty.

Not anywhere on the bridge will do, unless you're satisfied with a bucket of bergalls. The correct spot to be is against the middle column of the right side when looking eastward. The other spot is located at the end of the jetty. Anchor about 40' off the north end of buoy C5. If nothing happens in fifteen minutes, let out about 30' of line and try again; 30' of line is not really as much as it seems, remember that it is 30' diagonally, not 30' measured along the bottom.

I'm not going to cover the bait story here again, the same applies as it did for surf fishing in Part One. The one exception is that you can go more than one hook because you won't be dragging your bait along the bottom each time you reel up.

Blues. These fish have the habit of hitting one area one day and totally abandoning it the next. Such being the case, I cannot honestly predict where the fish will be. What I can do is give you an idea of where they most likely will show up. And that is from the jetty on out into the Tin Can Grounds.

Trolling an umbrella rig is your best bet of scoring. Troll it slow and troll it deep. You want enough speed to impart some action to the tubes; 99.9 percent of all umbrella rigs are fished the way they are bought, and this is fine for 99.9% of us. For some real special action, take off the middle dropper which is usually on a 2' leader and a swimming mackerel plug. This has been my wonder rig for the past four years.

Jigging artificials also works well but does not seem as effective inside the inlet as further offshore.

Striped bass. I have had average success using one method and fishing two places. The method is drifting or trolling worms. The choice to troll is used only if the wind is too strong and I can't get into a proper drift. I use a tandem hook setup much like the surf rig with two of the juiciest sand worms I can find.

Best results are obtained by fishing the Marine Parkway Bridge and the Round House. Both places on the incoming tide.

I have fished these waters religiously for the past 10 years and it has satisfied my appetite. It's close to home for New Yorkers who find it hard to get away. If you decide to fish this area, I hope you find as much enjoyment here as I have in the past.

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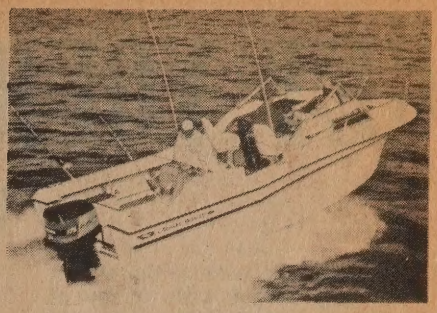

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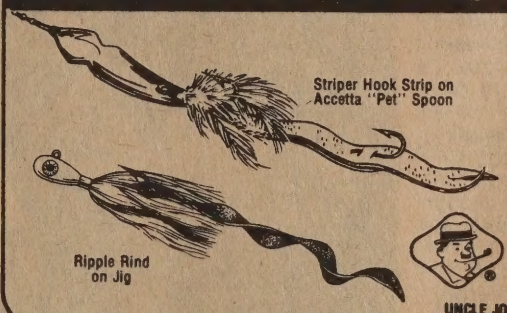

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by William A. Muller

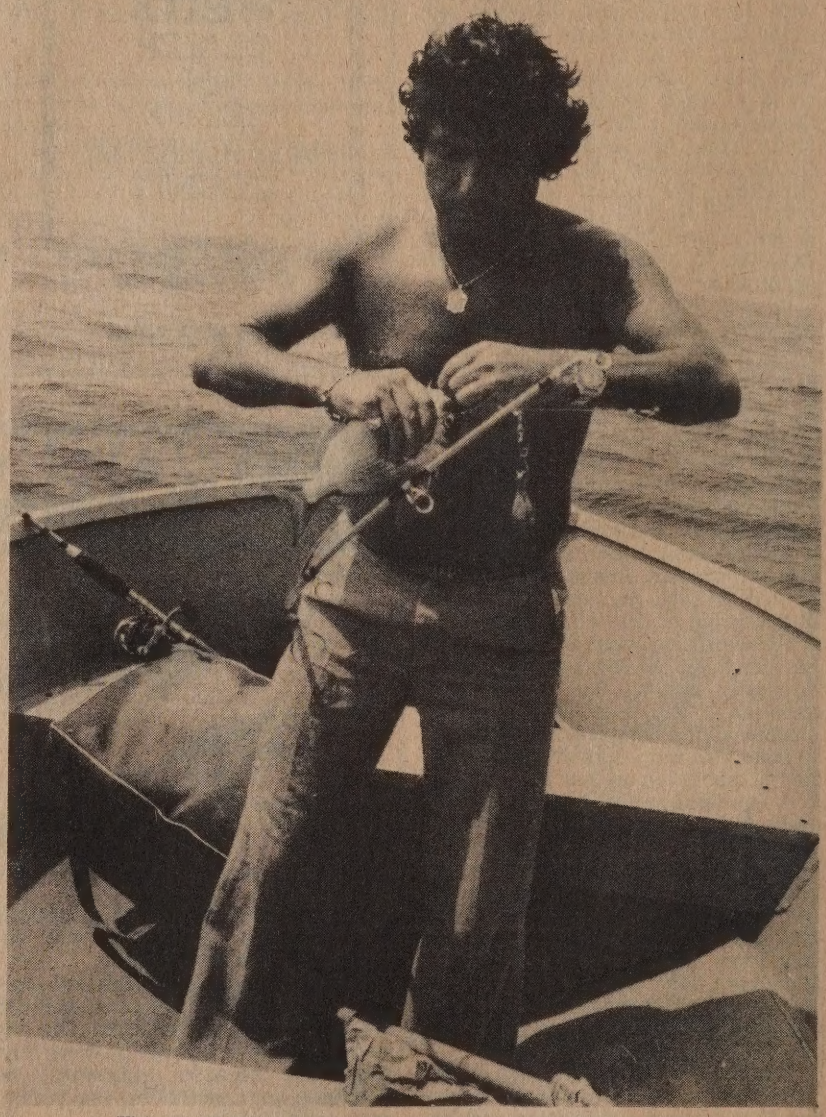
It may be hard to believe, but at one time long ago porgies were thought of as a trash fish. It is hard to be certain of exactly why this was the case, yet one can take a good guess. First of all, the porgy is and was a very abundant species and we have reason to believe that a century ago it was even more plentiful. Very abundant fish are considered pan fish because catching them lacks the challenge posed by game fish and sometimes they end up with a trashy reputation. Now, I want to make it clear that I didn't say I felt that way, but rather that's what some fishermen through history would believe to be true. I, for one, don't accept the idea that porgies aren't a challenge and I don't believe them to be a trash fish. The second reason for them having been considered a trash fish probably has something to do with their bones. Porgies do present a thorny problem for bone haters—especially along the spine and in the gut region. Still, with a modified filleting technique that problem can be overcome. More about that later.

To hell with reputations from the past; this fish is a mighty little scrapper, often a tricky bait stealer, and a delight on the table. Of course, folks do have their eating preferences, but to me the porgy ranks second only to the flounder for delicate taste and cuisinary versatility.

Porgy, or scup, enter our bays in May to spawn. The first fish are large, but they only stay around for a few weeks. By early June most of the larger "dinner plate" breeders have left the bays and are taken around Gardiner's Island, Montauk Point, and on offshore wrecks during the summer months. In spite of the fact that the larger porgies leave, plenty of good-sized fish stay in the bays all summer. True, there may be plenty of the very little "sand" porgies too, but you can keep the number of real little bait stealers down to a minimum by carefully selecting where you fish.

One of my favorite places is Peconic Bay although I wouldn't want anybody to assume from that statement that I would sell Long Island Sound short—because I do not and would not. In Peconic Bay, however, you also have a good shot at some summer weakfish that may push a few porgies aside in the chum slick, and besides, as you all already know, that east end bay holds a very special place in my heart.

Enough mush; how and where, and when. The when is easy enough because the fish are there from early May through early October and



This good-sized porgy will make for some good eating.

probably would stay longer if it weren't for the draggers that clean the fish out within a few days of the opening of dragging in Peconic. The western portion of the bay complex seems to frequently have an edge for producing numbers of porgies although perhaps loses a little in the quality department compared to eastern specimens.

It was a breezy August morning as I guided the boat out of Captain Marty's Fishing Station in New Suffolk for a little hand-to-hand combat with the summer weakfish. Phil Loria (owner of the station) said that the weaks had been very cooperative up until a few days ago, but since then they had gone into a disappearing act. However, he suggested that we bring along a little chum and some worms because the porgy fishing was very good indeed. I always make it a habit to follow the advice that is so generously offered by the fishing station and bait and tackle owners. The reason for my eager ears is obvious. No one knows more about the fishing in their areas than they do. To go against their suggestions is akin to spitting into a very strong wind. I did insist on trying the weaks first,

but I wasn't so committed to the yellowfins that I didn't switch over to the porgies quickly when we didn't get a single hit in over an hour.

There are many productive spots and I'll discuss them shortly, but we headed for Nassau Point on this day: again with Phil's advice. I first anchored directly south of the buoy there, but I noticed that while we were catching no porgies, that a few hundred yards to the west they were doing well. Up with the anchor and we made the move. I used my depth finder to come up with a little patch of bottom that was only three feet deeper than the rest of the area. I filled the chum pot with minced clams and crushed mussels and lowered it to the bottom as soon as the anchor was over the side and it was clear that we had a firm grip on bottom. We used a two hook rig. I tied a leader so that one end was secured to a barrel swivel. On the other end I tied a big overhand loop (big enough to slip sinkers in and out). The tide was running full so I started with a five-ounce sinker. One inch above the sinker loop I tied a dropper loop and another about five inches above that. To each dropper loop I added a short shank porgy hook (these were number ones) on a short leader. I used worm on one hook to start and clam on the other. Whichever bait was better received would then be put on both hooks. My baited hooks had barely gotten to the bottom when I felt the telltale taps of porgies. The first visitors to the chum pot were smaller sand porgies and so I was quickly cleaned of bait.

I suspect that the little guys got their fill quickly or that newly arrived bigger fish pushed the little ones out of the feeding area, because it wasn't long before we were taking nice sized fish. These weren't dinner plate-sized fish mind you, but fish of one to one-and-a-half pounds. Smaller fish are very difficult to fillet and in my book they aren't worth keeping. Letting them go simply helps to ensure that there will be an ample supply of bigger fish. The one to one-and-a-half pound fish have enough shoulders where you can fillet them and eliminate virtually all of the bones. These fish represented some real good eating and they went into the cooler.

I remember John DeMaio telling me that you have to be quick for porgy fishing. John has a lot of respect for these scrappy battlers and he was quick. I watched John Carefully during one porgy fishing episode at Montauk. He never allowed any slack in the line. Before the sinker hit bottom he was thumbing the reel so that once on bottom he already had established tension on the line. Frequently, it seemed to me, he was into a fish before he could get that **sinker to touch bottom. Yes, quickness is important and very sharp hooks don't hurt either. Nonetheless, when you are fishing in a location** where the fish are of mixed sizes, you'll need to develop a little finesse too. By that I mean that the experienced bay porgy angler can tell the taps of a small fish from those of larger fish. It can't be taught but it can be learned with experience. It the hook sharply on the bigger fish and leave the bait still when the pesty little ones are biting. Experienced porgy fishermen say that when you leave the bait still, that there is a chance that a larger fish will dart in and steal the bait from smaller fish. If you try to take the baited hooks away from the smaller fish, the bigger ones may be spooked off.

The chum pot is a key to this fishing. Keep the pot well stocked and you have your choice of a variety of chum pot ingredients. Many porgy fans like the ground-up clam bellies, still others use crushed mussels, and some like ground bunker. Many fishing stations sell the ground bunker frozen in a cyclindrical shape that fits easily into the cyclindrical wire mesh chum pots that are available today. Jiggle the pot frequently to dislodge small pieces and send them drifting down-current to attract more porgies. When the fish begin to stop biting, chances are that you'll need to re-stock the pot. Keep the pot full and fresh and your catch will be better. Position the pot up-tide so that all the fishermen in the boat can cash in on the benefits that the pot affords to the fishing.

We found that because the tide was running so strong that the hook closest to the bottom was taking more fish. Presumably the higher hook was fluttering in the current straight out from the leader and only the more aggressive fish went up for it. When the current slowed the situation reversed, and the top hook took more fish. We guess this was so because with a slower current more fish were extending their swimming range in the area of the chum pot—both vertically and horizontally. Worms worked better on this day and it wasn't long before we had used up all the worms and filled the cooler.

The fishermen wishing to catch porgies in Peconic Bay has a number of very good locations to fish. On the west side of Robins Island the fishermen like to fish close to the island on the sand flats. Here the porgies can be on the small side but very abundant. Other fishermen like the deeper waters of the south race. Frequently, you'll see boats anchored at various locations such as off the brush pile west of Cow Neck and buoy 30 in the channel. The porgies will move around through the season and what had been a hotspot may suddenly die out. Porgies are bottom feeders and they like small mollusks and other invertebrates. They can pick a piece of bottom pretty clean and thus the schools will move on to more virgin bottom.

On the east side of Robins Island, the sand slide on the Southampton

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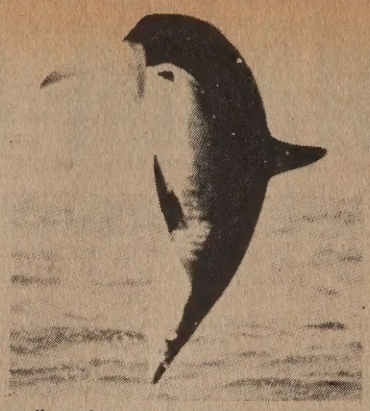

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side of the bay can produce handsomely. It is important here to know your spot. A depth recorder will help to find the deeper and more gravel bottom where the porgies hang out. Without a depth recorder you can either get landmarks from the fishing station or look for boats anchored in that area that are taking fish. •

The area around Nassau Point is perhaps one of the more consistent producers although this area blows hot and cold just like any other. The water is deep and the currents are strong, so bring along sinkers in the four to eight ounce category. Between Nassau Point and Jessups is the Middle Grounds. Porgy fishermen here like to work the area around buoy 17. Party boats will usually be here fishing. The Captain Clark from Flanders is a frequent visitor; the Wilhelric from Sag Harbor and others from Greenport come too. It is an area which is a very consistent producer.

It is important to point out that the moon phases can affect the quality of the porgy fishing by increasing the speed of tidal currents. We have learned that the reluctance of the porgies to bite at full current during full and new moons can often be overcome by concentrating your fishing to the few hours around the slack. The slack period may be totally unproductive, however, at other moon phases.

Filleting the fish is the key to ending up with a piece of fish flesh that is almost devoid of bones, stays tasty in the freezer for months, and tastes delicious always. As I suggested before, you'll need fish that are about one to one-and-a-half pounds; smaller fish yield almost no flesh. Don't bother scaling the fish because when we skin them later the scales will go too. That removes perhaps the worst job of cleaning porgies. Fillet in the same manner as you would any other fish to begin with. Start on the dorsal side and work towards the tail. Then work from the tail towards the anus. Now, to fillet from the head on the dorsal side to the ventral side be prepared to sacrifice some meat along the belly. Actually, you'll not sacrifice too much so don't feel guilty. Run your sharp knife from behind the pectoral fin on a diagonal towards the anus. The last remaining problem will be along the spine. Again, be prepared to sacrifice a little flesh. Cut next to the backbone (both sides). Now run the knife from dorsal (top) to ventral as you would fillet any fish. You'll end up with two almost triangular shaped pieces of flesh. There'll be no bones in these pieces. I have found that without the nuisance bones, children have an affinity for the taste of porgies. Parents, fish flesh is high quality protein that is low in fat.

So how about it? When the fishing reports send out the message "Get Your Porgies Here," why not make the trip and cash in on good fun and good eating.

Montauk Report

by Stu Miller

Unbelieveable great cod fishing at Cox's Ledge, reports Capt Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Fleet**. Cod are running from 12 to 14 lbs. and the pool winners are going from 40 to 50 lbs. each day. On Sunday the **Viking Star** left for home early as there was no room left on the deck for anymore fish. HOLY COD! The night bluefishing has been super great says the Capt., all gorillas fishing south of Block. Porgies have been very good al week, took a dip on Saturday but bounced back again on Sunday at the Point and off Gardiner's Island. Fish are mixed but mostly big. Fluking has been good all week in the rips but action tapered off again on the weekend due to the heavy private boat traffic. Mary Ann Houston took the pool Sunday afternoon with a 9½ lb. fluke in the Rips fishing from the **Starship** with Capt. Paul Sr. at the wheel. Paul says that a slow day out of Cox's Ledge is from 1 to 2 bags of cod a man.

Skip and Lynn Keener fishing with Capt. Vinnie Carillo and wife Vicki on their boat Bear's Den ran to 41 Fathoms on Tuesday, finding nothing but solid mako action, boating 3 and experiencing 6 breakoffs. Incredibly, not 1 blueshark was sighted. All the makos were in the 100 lb. range.

Capt Phil Lewis of the charterboat **Adios** reports that weakfishing and bluefishing to the SE has been very good for Michael Forresta. They diamond jigged 51 weaks. Richard Yonkers also had an excellent catch of blues along with 30 weaks. Sharking on the whole was slow this week, with the exception of a 310 lb. blueshark which took 45 minutes to land. Two 55 lb. yellowfin tuna were brought in trolling on the way back home.

Charterboat **Julie III** skipper Capt. Ron Grandinetti reports the charter led by Carlianno bailed 800 lbs. of cod up to 31 lbs. fishing Cox's Ledge Sunday. Fifteen of these cod were between 20 and 31 lbs. on clam.

Charterboat **Nostalgia II** called to say Saturday's offshore trip saw a 170 lb. blue shark, a 175 lb. brown shark and an 18 lb. mako caught by Dr. John Palumbo. Sunday's trip was slow but the day was saved by running to Block Island for a dozen weaks and 5 blues for Parker Brothers charter.

Charterboat **King Wayne** called to report good fishing all week long on blues, weaks and fluke off Block Island and at the Point. Fishing in the MCA Tournament the boat had 2 blue shark, 2 browns and 2 tigers, all of which were tagged and released.

Capt Fritz Hubner of the charterboat **Mistress Too** called to report that he had 3 more makos this week. On Monday Joseph DiLiberteo of Manhattan, had a 283 lb. mako and a 217 lb. mako. Chris Kugawski of Mattituck smiled with his 378 lb. mako. They also had lots of blue shark and browns mixed in.

Capt Jack Passi of the charterboat **Windy** reports great catches of bluefish south of Block Island. On 4 trips this week body counts ran from 81 to 92 fish per trip on umbrellas on a short shot of 100 to 150 feet of wire or on diamond jigs. Blues ran 6 to 14 lbs. On a porgy charter Wednesday 350 lbs. of dinnerplates were taken from 1¼ to 2½ lbs. just east of Gardiner's.

Daiwa Rep Lou Rosado fishing Monday with Nick Matkiw on Lou's boat "Daiwa" south of Block Island, bagged a 197 lb. mako, 2 duskies, 1 brown and 1 blue shark. On Tuesday they had a brown, 2 blues and a mako which broke off. They also hooked and landed a 216 lb. mako and had a swordfish in the slick. An invasion of gorilla bluefish had to be endured (poor fellas), fish 15 lbs. and up. On Wednesday Lou had a 270 lb. blue shark and they broke off an estimated 400 lb. dusky. This was all in preparation for the weekend MCA Shark Tournament.

Capt Mike of the charter boat **Montauk** reports good offshore fishing this week. Monday's trip for Ken Mohrmann resulted in a catch of a giant tuna tipping the scale at 202 lbs. caught at the Butterfish Hole.

Capt Richie Rade of the **Marlin Fleet** reports that on Friday hi hook for porgies was 65 fish for Betty Lee of NYC. Average porgy catch was 20 to 40 porgies per person aboard the **Marlin iv**. Bluefishing is red hot at night, fish going from 10 to 15 lbs., catches averaging 10 to 20 a man on herring.

Star Island Yacht Club reports weighing in 4 white marlin taken at the Dumping Ground and bigeye tuna up to 97 lbs. caught at the Canyon. This was a combination of Green Machines and eels. Capt. Bill Bock furnished the results of this past weekend's MCA Shark Tournament. Tiger sharks took 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. 1st prize was a 575 lb. tiger caught by Ira Bard of Westchester. 2nd place went to Glen Ecstrom with a 571 pounder and 3rd place was a 475 lb. tiger caught by Fred Wilmont of Darien CT. A total of 31 makos were caught, 8 tigers, 1 hammerhead, and 5 blue shark and a brown. The largest mako was caught aboard the Lady Shazam captained by Charlie Nappi. Cash prizes were $3,000 for 1st place, $2,000 for 2nd place and $1,000 for 3rd place. Many donated tackle prizes were also awarded. $3,000 was donated by MCA to the Montauk Ambulance Fund. $1,500 went to the Cancer Fund,$1,500 to the Heart Fund and $500 to the Montauk Little League. A shotgun was donated as a raffle prize by Bob Ishkanian of LESLIE EDELMAN GUNS, Farmingdale.

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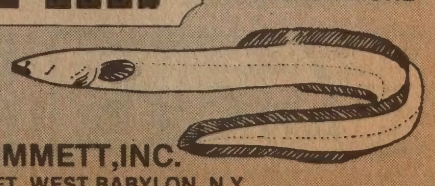

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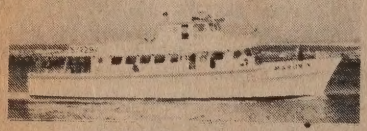

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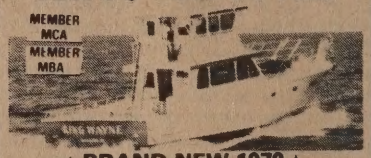

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South Shore Report

by Fred Golofaro

HAMPTON BAYS

John at **Corr's Fishing Station** reported a very good run of fluke in the bay. Flounder also remain in good supply. Of the fluke, Jeff Goldstein had a 6 lber. over the weekend taken near the Coast Guard station on spearing and squid. A group of 4 anglers from McSorley's Ale House totalled nearly 100 keeper fluke aboard the Buggy. They fished the West Cut and used sand eel and squid combos. Offshore, Norman Gross and Richie Kastleman aboard the Ticha returned with a 278 lb. mako from 170' of water.

MORICHES BAY

John at **Seatuck Cove Fishing Station** in Eastport said fluking had been good during the week but slowed somewhat over the weekend. He attributed the decline to boat traffic. One boat fished late on Sunday and 15 keepers at buoy 43 on incoming water. During the week, 10-20 keepers per boat was the rule, with quite a few 2 to 3 lb. class fish and a few 5-6 lbers. weighed in. Spearing and squid has been enjoying the edge in the bait department.

From **Silly Lily Fishing Station** Gary reported the best fluking has been on the last of the incoming and the first of the ebb between buoys 39 and 41. On Sunday, Rudy and Martin Wolff totalled 20 keepers up to 3 lbs. on squid and sand eels. They were back by noon. Small blues are mixed with the fluke and there are still good sized flounder in the buoy 36 area.

Pete Jackits of the private boat rainbow runner along with Mike Jackits, Steve Iannello and Charles Arcielo fished the Great Gun Anglers Shark Tournament on Saturday and returned with 3 makos of 160 lbs., 110 lbs. and 100 lbs. They also released several duskies. Fishing was done in 190° out of Moriches in 160' of water and water temperature of 70°.

MASTIC BEACH

The word from **Capt. Andy's Fishing Station** was lots of fluke from buoys 17 to 23. Many of the fish are still shorts, however, with about 3 out of 10 being legal size. Snapper blues are mixed with the fluke and taking the same combo baits of spearing or sand eels and squid. Decent scores have been made on both tides.

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area according to **South Bay Fishing Station**. Fish to 4 lbs. on squid and sand eel combos. Sea bass at buoys 15 and 17 and small blues popping up through the bay. Crabbing has greatly improved and snapper fishing is off to a good start although the fish are still small. Shep Gonzalez totalled 6 fluke, 4 sea bass and an 8 lb. weakfish fishing the Ocean Beach area over the weekend.

OAKDALE

Dave at **J&R Sport Center** reported lots of fluke in the bay with a much better showing of keepers than in past weeks. West Island, Ocean Beach and the Inlet area have all been producing. Offshore there have been loads of tuna from the tower on out to the Canyon. A lot of life was also reported all the way in to 140' of water. Dave Ingram took another nice brown out of Mill Pond in Sayville. This one tipped the scale at 4½ lbs.

EAST ISLIP

Irene at **Peppy's Bait and Tackle** looked over a catch of 14 fluke up to 6 lbs. made at buoy 3 on squid and killies by Phil Parker. This was on Saturday. Irene noted that the ratio of keepers is vastly improved and there are plenty of fluke in the bay. Rich Ferri, a member of the SurfSide 3 Tuna Club fished the Cape May White Marlin Open aboard his Rum N Coke and took 2nd largest fish overall with a 270 lb. bigeye tuna boated after a 3 hour battle.

BAY SHORE

Carl at **Smokey's Bait and Tackle** said it's apparent a new body of fluke has moved into the inlet area. Nearly 90 percent of the fish are keepers. On Sunday, Linda, Stacy and Richard Miller put away 23 fluke up to 5.2 lbs. On Saturday, Frank Carson totalled 16 of the flatfish using the same sand eel and squid combos. His largest was 5¾ lbs. Dr. Braunstein has been doing a good job on weakfish near Sexton Island casting Rebel plugs. Plenty of blues remain in the bay as evidenced by the 108 choppers chummed by the Five Sons in Steamboat Channel Sunday. Big blues in 90' of water off Patchogue on Ava 27 jigs with white tubes. Offshore, Bay Shore Tuna Club members Ed Whitney, Ed Wicks and Benny Bento returned with 5 yellowfins taken in 170' of water on Green Machines. Don Purkess, Hank Nosal and Joe Petini aboard the Neki-hoki II ran to 220' of water and took 2 makos of 101 and 161 lbs. They dropped a white shark estimated at 400 lbs. Some kingfish in the bay and crabbing at the local docks has been super.

Captain Neil Delanoy of the open boat **Casey Lee** described the fluking as consistently good with plenty of keepers being taken each day. Much of the catch is now made up of fluke in the 2-3 lb. range. The skipper has been fishing Snake Hill Channel and the West Island area with last of incoming and first of outgoing. Sand eels or spearing and squid combos have been the most effective baits. Most fares manage anywhere from 3-6 keepers apiece. The skipper looks for a very good week ahead due to existing tide conditions.

CAPTREE

Captain Charlie Kennedy of the **Capt. Bob Joseph** reported good fluking this past week as a new body of fish moved into the inlet and the warm weather moved the current population of fish off the flats. Seventy-five percent of the fish are now keepers and as an example of the fluking potential, the skipper described a catch of 150 fish in his first three drifts Sunday morning at the inlet. As for bluefishing, action has been steady with enough fish around to keep everyone happy. Fish appear to be about ready to settle in for the summer according to the skipper. This, along with popular demand may lead the captain to switch over to day bluefishing as well as nights within a week or so. Keep an eye out in his ad for any schedule changes.

Charterboat **Lady Ann** reported good fluking Friday, Saturday and Sunday from West Island to the Lighthouse fishing night blues on Friday the boat totalled 50 big choppers. While on Saturday night 35 blues came aboard.

The open boat **Speedy VI** has been banging away at the bluefish with fish being taken every day but some days being a tougher pick than others. It wasn't until 1PM Sunday that the boat found a big body of blues up on top south of Patchogue. From then until 4PM it was a slaughter on fish in the 5-10 lb. class. All the action was on jigs and some anglers managed as many as 25 choppers apiece. Friday's special Zebco tackle testing trip started slow, but wound up strong when Captain Speedy discovered a good body of fish southeast of Jones Inlet.

Captain Ron Peters of the charter boat **Yankee** reported a catch of 40 blues averaging 7-8 lbs. made Saturday off of Patchogue on jigs. On Sunday, fluking inside the bay produced 50 keepers along with 20 small blues fishing from the lighthouse to the Robert Moses bridge. Quite a few of the flatfish were in the 2-3 lb. class.

Captain Marty of the **Jib Fleet** reported that 12-yr.-old Mike Parks visiting from Illinois took a 6½ lb. fluke during the week. The skipper labelled the fluking as very good throughout the week and weekend. He has been concentrating his efforts from West Island to the Inlet. On

Saturday night's bluefish run off of Patchogue a big mako taken aboard the Jib VII.

Bobby of the **Captree Bait Station** reported both good fluking and bluefishing on open and charter boats. From the fishing pier, casters pick away at the fluke. Snappers are starting but are still on the small side.

Captain Joseph II described the fluking this week as very good with the best scores made between the lighthouse and the inlet. Small blues mixed with the fluke and are being taken on the same killie and sand eel baits.

The open boat **Capt. Richie** also reported good fluking with some nicer fish mixing in. A couple of the better fish taken this past week included a 7½ lb. doormat for Sam Salcone and a 6¼ lber. for Jerry Dutko.

The charter boat **Sea Ranger** spoke of a fine catch of sea bass made on two local ocean wrecks. A group headed by Mark Logan totalled around 200 sea bass in the 2-2¾ lb. range.

Charter boat **Rendova Island** said that a N.Y. Telephone Co. charter headed by Ray Schneller, enjoyed some good fluking at the inlet on Saturday. Seventy percent of the fluke taken were keepers with fish to 4 lbs. making up the catch. Good fishing was also enjoyed on Sunday by members of the Melville Fire Department. They had 40 harbor blues in addition to their fluke catch.

Captain Ron Murray of the charter board **Sea Bird** fished a shark charter for Ed Weisbach and two friends Saturday. They took one big blue shark and a 290 dusky in 140' of water southeast of the inlet. On Sunday a fluke charter picked away all day using killie and squid combos. Fish were taken in Snake Hill Channel, West Channel and off of Robert Moses Park.

The open boat **Capt. Scotty** reported Saturday night's bluefishing somewhat picky although some fares managed 10-12 choppers. Sunday was another story however with 20 fares totalling over 250 blues in the 6-10 lb. range off of Patchogue. All of the daytime action is on jigs. A couple of mako sharks in amongst the blues also. The skipper's son Wayne Tweedy took a 100 lber. on one trip this past week.

On Friday aboard the **Speedy VI** the Zebco "Sea Venture" was held. Due to the super heated sea conditons, the bluefish were not tearing the bottom out of any of the boats fishing that day. However, fares on the trip had a fair pick most of the day on 1 to 3 lb. cocktail blues. Late in the afternoon, with your reporter aboard, the boat stopped on moderate bird activity on the trip back and for 45 minutes there was some exciting jigging going on and roughly another 60 blues were decked in the 2 to 4 lb. range. The pool fish was caught with one of the Zebco spinning reels that fares used on the trip.

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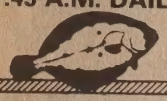

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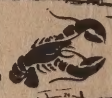

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Charter boat **Luci II** fished a party of New Jersey Policemen headed by Fred Burns. They fished just outside of Fire Island Inlet and used umbrella rigs to troll over 100 small blues in the 1-3 lb. class. On Saturday, fluking in the State Channel area resulted in 14 keepers up to 3 lbs. for Bob McMann and two sons.

Ralph at **Augie's Bait & Tackle** spoke of a super offshore weekend with much of the action concentrated in the Texas Tower area. Lots of yellowfin tuna ranging from 30-80 lbs. were taken on green machines and jet head lures. Inshore in 140' of water lots of bluefin tuna in the 20-30 lb. class along with some marlin. Among the boats connecting with marlin over the weekend were the Double M with a 65 lber. and the Stroker with a 50 lber. Biggest yellowfin over the weekend was an 87 lber. taken aboard Dick Orlandi's 3 Sons. Plenty of sh sharks offshore from 120-160' and good bluefishing off of Patchogue. Both crabs and snappers keeping everyone busy at the town dock. Just a word on the Cape May White Marlin Tournament held this past weekend down in Jersey. The recently formed Long Island Canyon Anglers Club copped the competition and returned home with the first place trophy.

LINDENHURST

Mike at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** said that Jean and Vinnie Arroyo fished the inlet and returned with 4 fluke along with a 6 lb. weakfish. Crabbing from the local docks has been very good. Snappers are in but small. Dave Campo and Tony and Louie Simanera put two makos including a 285 lber. and one dusky aboard the Gypsy II fishing 165° southeast of Fire Island in 140' of water.

AMITYVILLE

Maria at **Combs Bait & Tackle** reported lots of bluefin and yellowfin action offshore with fish running anywhere from 25 up to 75 lbs. Best action was found on a 160° heading in depths ranging from 150 to 180'. Green machines and green daisy chains and rigged baits all took fish. Plenty of mako action in 130' of water as well. Inside the bay, good fluking

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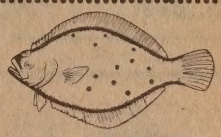

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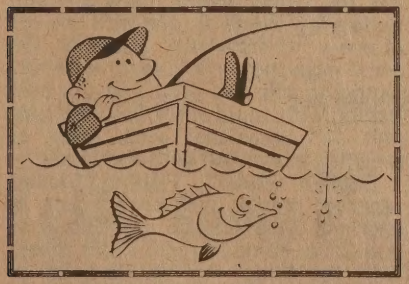

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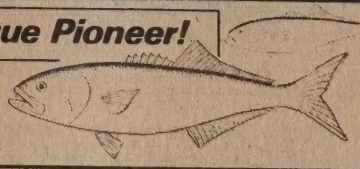

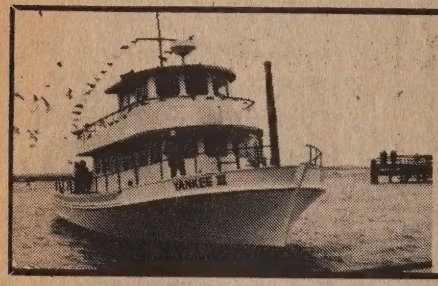

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Captain Joe on the **Super Bee II** fished southeast in 160' of water on Saturday. A four man charter totalled 2 blue sharks and one 60 lb. mako. They dropped 2 other makos. On Sunday, a 150 lb. hammerhead in addition to 2 big blue sharks was taken.

Members of the South Shore Tuna Club got in on some good yellowfin tuna action last week. Vic Rivas aboard his boat the Teaser landed a pair of yellowfins. His 9 yr. old son took a 66 lber. on 30 lb. tackle while his 11 year old son Victor decked a 68 lber.

SEAFORD

Marie at **Wanser's Bait and Tackle** reported an improvement in the size of the fluke being taken. She spoke of good action west of the 1st and 2nd bridges, in Massapequa Cove and at Squaw Island. Sand eels and squid had an edge in the bait department. Blues outside the inlet, but hard to pin down and weaks are at the bridges and at the inlet on sand worms and live bunker. A few snappers starting to be taken from local docks.

John at **Pops Fishing Station** reported a nice catch of fluke for members of the Starfish Fishing Club on Saturday. They had some sea bass as well. On Sunday, Don Wilson and Joe Varrow totalled 18 keepers up to 2½ lbs. John added there are still quite a few shorts around with one out of every five fish taken a keeper. On some days the ratio is a little better. Outgoing tide has produced the best fishing with squid and killies the best bait. An occasional weak, king or blowfish are mixed with the fluke.

Captain Eddie's Fishing Station reported plenty of fluke but lots of shorts at Squaw Island and Massapequa Cove. Some snapper blues mixed with the fluke. Art noted a lot of tickets are being given out for short fluke by CO officers, so you had better respect the 14" size limit. Al and Ed Lorme returned with a 75 lb. mako and 20 big blues taken 20 miles south of the inlet on Saturday. George Buzzetta had 4 weaks in the 8 lb. class trolling at Jones Inlet with small red and white tubes.

Fluking remained good through the week with the high hook on days up in the teens. Action has been in the East Bay and buoy 13 on sand eel and squid combos.

BELLMORE

Scott at **Merrick Tackle** reported the offshore scene was alive with activity. Those running to the canyon

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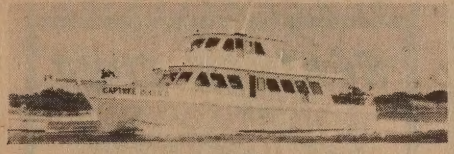

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probably had the best of the action with big eye tuna and albacore in good supply. Green machines and feathers were all seeing action. Of the fluking, Scott said lots are around but many continue to be shorts. The fish are well distributed throughout the bay. Scott did note that it appears chummers have been taking bigger fluke on the average than anglers using standard techniques.

MERRICK

Jimmy at **Nick's Fishing Station** reported a fine day of action at the Texas Tower this weekend for Boat Lift King. Nick's Point Tuna Club members George Santry, Marty Bright, John DeMeno and Rich Isaacs totalled 10 yellowfins in the 60-85 lb. range on green machines. They also had a 400 lb. tiger shark and a small mako. Also on Saturday Harry Weinblatt ran his 23' Mako 150° to 150' of water where he found 3 makos up to 150 lbs. Friday night, Irv Weiss aboard his Weiss' Way, along with tuna club members Don Amendoloro and Robert Adatroncro had a 93 lb. mako and 35 blues. Best fluking according to Jimmy has been off of the golf course, at Merrick Point and in Broad Creek. Still lots of shorts however. Snapper blues come and go in the inlet area.

New York Bight Report

by Stu Miller

FREEPORT

The **Aloma II** tells of good fluking up to Wednesday, then a lot of small fish were in evidence. The afternoon trips have been better all week with incoming tides bringing cooler water in to wake the fluke up. Roughly ⅓ of the fluke have been keepers up to 3 lbs. A 9 lb. bonus striper was caught by one fare in Jone's Inlet Wednesday on a fluke rig. The boat's night bluefishing trips have ranged from picky to very good, depending on conditions with fish up to 8 lbs. on bait and chum. Fish are averaging 2 to 5 lbs. working Cholera and the Sisters.

The **Capt Al** reports very good bluefishing just about every morning right outside Jone's Inlet. Saturday fares had a 1 hour slaughter on 2 to 5 lb. blues just west of Cholera on jigs. Saturday night's trip run by Capt Butch worked Cholera for a night of slaughter fishing with blues 10 to 16 lbs. and over 250 fish taken for the night. Friday night's body count was 200 blues from 2 to 8 lbs. at the Three Sisters. Al says he is very happy with the quality of the bluefishing now. The night fishing is all bait and chum.

The **Blue Fin Fleet** reports that Wednesday's trip for the Will Rogers Memorial Fund led by George Levitt of Framingham MA, had a good day with fluke with George taking the pool with a 4 lb. 7 oz. fluke. The weekend slowed down a bit fluke wise but blues were good at night with Capt Charlie Adams having excellent bluefishing Friday night at Cholera with blues to 16 lbs. Hi hook was Buddy Ingrassio with 10 blues. On Saturday Tom Cooley had 17 blues. Runner up was Tina Cizewski with 15 blues. These night trips are averaging anywhere from 100 to 200 fish per trip. Day bluefish catches have been up to 15 lbs. at Cholera with smaller blues jigged closer to the beaches. Weaks to 9 lbs. have also been jigged up closer to the beaches.

Lou's Fishing Station advised us that the number of boats entered in last week's Charvin Shark Tournament was 60 boats, rather than the 70 that was incorrectly reported, with 54 boats actually participating. Also omitted in last week's report was the fact that 2nd place was nailed down by Charlie Miller of Baldwin on his boat Sea Quest with Charlie taking $1,800 in prize money with a 252 lb. mako. 4th prize was the Dick Shaw Memorial Trophy for the most unusual fish which was a 63 lb. white shark. Friday and Saturday saw 3 makos of 83, 127 and 185 lbs. caught. Also caught was 1 tiger and many duskies which were released. This was all aboard the Catch-5 skippered by John Dick and crew. Another boat brought in a 183 lb. tiger taken 155 degrees due south of Jone's, 35 miles off the beach. A 52 lb. white marlin was caught by Charlie Miller on the Sea Quest between the Texas Tower and the Canyon on Z'Lures. Another 62 lb. white marlin and several yellowfin tuna were caught on yet another vessel. Lots of yellowfin tuna have been taken around the Noah buoy and the Texas Tower. Bob Ferno on his boat Rebel trolled 7 yellowfin tuna on Green Machines and Z'Lures inside, lots of shortly fluke around with enough keepers to make it worthwhile. Saturday, many boats loaded up on big weakfish using S&G Tigertails in the ¾ oz. and 1¼ oz. versions. Bill Blitz and Dr. Manfredie of East Bay Anglers scored with many of these big weakfish at the NW end of Ambrose.

Capt Richie on the **Starstream II** reports the last 4 days were slow to fair fishing Cholera and the Three Sisters. Larger blues up to 13 lbs. have been taken at the Sisters, jigs during the day and bait and chum at night. The night trips with Capt. Chris Specht doing the honors have been running from fair to good all on bait fishing the Three Sisters and Cholera areas taking fish from 3 to 13 lbs. Early in the week catches were very good on jigs during the day consisting of small blues and a decent scattering of weaks.

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hagen, aboard Tony's Misty V, fished the Canyon and trolled up 10 albies from 35 to 40 lbs. and 5 yellowfin tuna from 60 to 240 lbs. on Jets, rigged eels, homemade leadheads and feathers.

Capt Walt Scott's **Freeport Charter Service Acme II** reports a week of varied good bluefishing starting with a great jig trip at the Channels for small but plentiful blues for Gus Bovloukes of Lake Katrine NY. Frank O'Connor's group from Northport chummed 12 to 15 lb. alligator blues SW of the NB buoy. A group from Columbia University jigged up 2 to 5 lb. blues steadily off Long Branch. Rich D'Angelo's group had a spotty pick jigging 2 to 3 pounders at the channels and Highlands. A charter for Bantum Match, Commack, chummed blues from 4 to 6 lbs.

Capt Pat of the charterboat **Lady J III** reports that Thursday's trip for Art Reiss and party had a good pick on small blues fishing to the west and off the Jersey coast. Friday's fluke trip saw a good keeper ratio for a group from Westbury Bowl, fishing local creeks and channels on squid and fluke belly. Saturday's bluefishing was poor but Saturday night's bluefishing trip was very good for Bob Dilligarde fishing the Three Sisters on bait and chum. Pat says he has a lot of moonlight sail dates open.

The **Capt Lou Fleet** proudly announces Mate Mike Gross just received his hundred mile hundred ton license and will be doing regular stints at the wheel. Fluking was good all week though it slowed on the weekend quite a bit with the water being too hot for good fishing. The half-day boat also did good during the week on both morning and afternoon trips.

The **Capt Gary** reports that Friday's charter for Basic 4 Computer Co., NYC led by Sam Conti ended up with 57 keepers for 29 people fishing Jone's Inlet. Hi hook was Danny Hoffman with 16 keepers. Sam took the pool with a 4 pounder. Saturday and Sunday were slow due to the warm water in the bay though on Sunday Tom Gannon bagged a 2½ pounder and pool honors. The boat will be sailing 8 am. Sunday as an open boat for fluke.

Charterboat **Ivory Queen** called to report that Saturday's trip for Ron Bleimeyr of Maspeth jigged 3 to 5 lb. blues SW of Jone's and filled the box in 80' of water. They had to chase birds all day. Sunday's trip for Mike Mattei of Brooklyn and party took 120 lb. blue shark which was tagged and released and a 46 lb. yellowfin tuna fishing SW of Jone's in 140' of water. They broke off another tuna and saw others jumping around the boat. Bill says he still has a few open August tuna dates.

BALDWIN

Arthur Street Fishing Station tells of a 4 lb. green bonito taken by one customer while bluefishing 5 miles

out of Jone's, due south in 60' of water and also at the Tin Can. Another customer bagged 8 weakfish up to 9 lbs., 4 blues and a 6 lb. striper jigging bait tails Wednesday at the Tin Can. Weaks are running to 11 lbs. at the Can. Fluking continues very active but there are a lot of short fish involved. Lots of action at Garrett's Lead, Baldwin Bay Harbor, Swift Creek and opposite the Coast Guard Station.

POINT LOOKOUT

Ed's Fishing Station reports that Scott Saylor of Kunkletown PA caught a 10 lb. fluke and a 7½ lb. fluke fishing Swift Creek on killies. John Salved and Vinnie Savage with Tony and Frank on their boat At Last II got a 210 lb. mako and lost one estimated at 800 lbs. The 210 pounder was caught at the SE Grounds.

Capt Dennis of the charterboat **Marie III** reports Monday night's bluefish charter for Gary Braun fishing 3 miles south of the BA did very well on blues from 4 to 10 lbs. averaging 10 to 15 fish a man. Twelve yr. old Neil Siegel had 8 fish and Glen Braun, age 12 took the pool with an 11 pounder. They also had brown and makos in the Slick. Fishing was on chum and bait. The same group on Thursday fluked in the Bay between Cinder Creek and buoy 20 and had lots of action and even some keepers. The 3 lb. pool fish was caught by Mitch Braun, age 7. There were very few keepers. Friday's and Saturday's trip in the mornings had smaller fish in the bay with a lot of midgets. The afternoons saw the boat working off the beach from Playland to Reiss Park with fewer but larger fish. Ninety percent of these were keepers to 6 lbs. Sandeels and squid have been working best in the bay and spearing best in the ocean, fishing 30' of water. Sunday was picky for blues at the Three Sisters and the NB with a dozen or so fish taken per drift jigging. These were 2 to 6 lb. fish.

Scotty's Fishing Station tells of a 10 lb. fluke taken between Reynold's and the Inlet on squid and sandeels by NYC angler Dave Air fishing from his own boat this week. Tom also tells of Fred Edmundson's 10 lb. 8 oz. weakfish caught at the Tin Can. Fluking around the station was good Saturday but so-so on Sunday with lots of short fish in evidence. Offshore mixed blues have been caught in various areas. A 166 lb. mako was caught by Perry Rosen and crew fishing 4 miles SSE of the HA. Flounders are still being taken by regulars in the Swift Creek-Sloop Channel Junction. You've go to hit the deep holes.

ISLAND PARK

Capt Clem of the **Commodore** reports that during the week the fluking was fair to good but the hot weather by Friday had heated up the back waters so that more of the bigger fish were to be found off the beaches. Saturday and Sunday Clem worked off Rockaway and passengers bagged a few large fluke and also escaped the heat. Rhandee Callahan of Forest Hills had 8 keepers including the 5 lb. pool fluke and she beat her husband an experienced angler. On Friday Oceanside angler Marilyn Osias totaled 14 keepers including a 4½ lb. pool fish. Activity has been best on high incoming with cooler water being brought in.

Beckmann's Tackle in Lynbrook tells of the weakfish slaughter from Playland to the Tin Can to Ambrose Tower (forming a triangle) on tiger tails drifted or fished while anchored with weaks running up to 15 lbs. Some stripers under the Meadowbrook and Wantagh Bridges at night on bellies, fish to 22 lbs. Loads of fluke and loads of throwbacks in all the bays and inlets. Small snappers are around in force while blue claw crabs are very much in evidence in the upper creeks.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Capt Ron Lepper of the **Kim** reports that inshore his charters are slaying huge weakfish from 10 to 12 lbs. and mixed blues jigging or trolling S&G tiger tails. There are mixed blues mixed in and Ronnie says this fishing has been absolutely super all the way from Reis Park to Sea Bright.

Al at **Reynold's Reef Fishing Station** reports the results of the Atlantic Beach Rod and Gun Shark Tournament this weekend. 1st place went to Bob Corbelli of Oceanside with a 144 lb. 8 oz. mako. 2nd place, Fred Hill with a 106 lb. dusky. 3rd place, Alex Sreter of Woodsburgh with a 97 lb. blue shark. On Saturday Warren Sicherman fishing at the Noah buoy on his boat Emme took a 59 lb. yellowfin tuna on a Green Machine. Aboard the Four Queens Vic Genduco, Marty Pieser, Sid Atler, Jesse York and Jay York fished the Virginia and pulled 20 cod from 16 to 23 lbs. on clam plus several pollack to 30 lbs. Jay had the 30 lb. pollack and he also took a 100 lb. mako on a herring. Weaks and bass from 19th St. to Rockaway Playland on umbrellas, shorty Hopkins and S&G tiger tails.

LONG BEACH

Long Beach Sports Marina tells of the weaks and fluke at the Tin Can on S&G tiger tails. Bluefish are there for jiggers with an occasional 5 to 8 lb. striper thrown in. Bass fishing slowed at the Atlantic Beach Bridge but there are some big blues available for those swimming live bunker at night around the slack tides. Fluking has boomed again with each skiff averaging 15 to 20 keepers, killies working best at Deb's the last 3 hours of the flood. There's about a 40 percent keeper ratio now.

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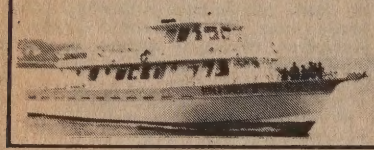

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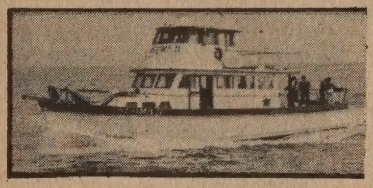

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Capt Andy of the charterboat **Josie D** on Saturday with a 4 man charter had 12 fluke and a mess of sea bass fishing off Coney Island and at Norton's Point. Fluke ran 2 to 3 lbs. on killies, squid and fluke belly. Most of the fluke were taken around the Marine Parkway Bridge at Flloyd Bennett and there were also lots of midgets. Ed and Peaches also had a 7 lb. weakfish on a jelly worm. Last Saturday's trip saw a 4 man charter troll up 3½ dozen blues in the Princess Bay area

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Capt Tom of the **Elsie K III** reports that the day fluking trips have been good all week off the Jersey coast with the weekend slowing but still satisfatory due to the heavy boat traffic. Tom says there are more bigger fish around now. The pools are usually in the 6 lb. range with sandeels working best on both tides. Saturday night's bluefish trip saw choppers to 17 lbs. taken along with a lot of weaks of 12 to 13 lbs. These were all jigged fished worked at the Highlands. The boat will be sailing 5 p.m. for evening weakfish and bluefish trips every Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings. See ad for details.

Capt John of the charterboat **Thermocline** called to say that the most productive fishing this past week has been at the Tin Can Grounds for blues and weakfish on jigs.

Capt Walt of the **Flamingo III** tells us that bluefish jigging was excellent during the week in the channels and in the NY Harbor and was fair Saturday and Sunday. All customers had some fish but there was no slaughter on the weekend. Some weakfish were mixed in on Saturday. Walt says there are still lots of fish off the Jersey coast and with a cooling trend, will be responding strongly to the quickly worked lures. There are lots of weaks around and they've been hitting strongest in the early morning and late afternoon, since being human, the weakfish get sluggish when the sun is at it's Zenith.

Capt Tom Marconi of the **Pilot II** says that the sea bass and blackfish action has continued good throughout the week, fishing off the Jersey coast. Blackfish still want the fiddlers and sea bass are gombling clam and squid baits. The afternoon weakfish and bluefish trips have been very good between the channels and off the Jersey coast with catches averaging 15 to 20 fish a man. It's been mostly bluefish this week. Some fares had 25 to 30 mixed blacks and sea bass. A few porgies are being seen now. Blacks are running 1 to 5 lbs., sea bass averaging a pound, blues 1 to 10 lbs. and weakfish averaging 7 to 8 lbs.

Blues and weaks all on jigs.

Capt Jack Michaels of the **America'** reports his daily fluking trips have been very good right through the weekend fishing the channels and around wrecks (local). Fluke have been going up to 8½ lbs. The 8½ lb. pool fish Sunday was caught by Bronx angler Carl Walters and he also had a 6 lb. 8 oz. fluke with 31 other keepers. The top scoring bait was fluke belly.

Mike's Bait & Tackle reports fluking remains good past Sea Bright. The bluefish boats from Sheepshead Bay have been travelling down the Jersey coast down to Barnegat for 2 to 4 lb. fish. Locally blues and weaks are being jigged daytime and baited at night. This report was given by George of the **Bay Charter Service** which operates from **Mike's Tackle.**

STATEN ISLAND

Santo's Sport Shop reports that boat fishermen are getting weakfish galore inside Great Kills Harbor and outside Great Kills Channel fish 4 to 6 lbs. and also some 8 to 10 pounders on worms, bunker chunks, whole bunker or trolled red, green or black tubes. Weaks and blues between buoy 4 Annandale through Princess Bay buoy 14 up to the Old Orchard Lighthouse, forming a triangle. This is on bait and also for wire liners. Eight to 10 lb. weaks and blues 2 to 4 lbs. with 10 to 12 lb. blues moving in. The Old Orchard area has been producing the larger fluke. Some bass have been taken on drifted sand worms at 21 Can at the VZ Bridge on the ebb. Three to 10 pounders are hitting sandworms best the last 2 hours of outgoing. From the Ft. Wadsworth Wall to South Beach storm sewers cocktail blues are hitting tin. Fluking has been best from the beach at Princess Bay on sandeels and squid. Piers 8, 12 and 17 for porgies and 4 to 6 inch snappers.

North Shore Report

by Martin Garrell

CITY ISLAND

Because of heavy weekend traffic, Captain Dom sailed the **Apache** up to Norwalk this past weekend and scored well on flounder on hard bottom. Fish averaged 3/4 lb. but there were plenty of 1½ to 2 lb. fish around; bags on Friday, Saturday and Sunday averaged 20-25 flatties. Weekday porgy fishing was in the Oyster Bay-Northport area.

Jack DeCuffa at **Jack's Bait & Tackle** told us that the biggest item for fishermen was the weaks off Orchard Beach. These were large

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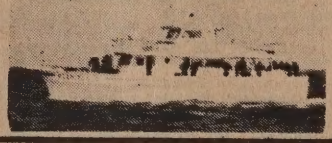

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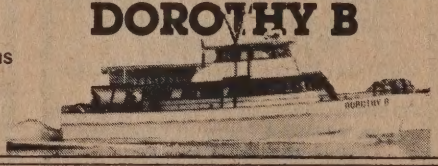

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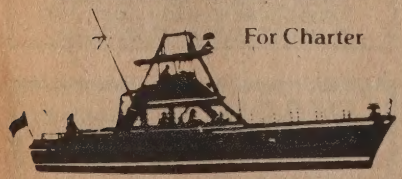

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fish, and most of the action was in the early evening on worms. Blues in sthe 6-10 lb. class were taking tubes on umbrella rigs off Lloyds, and there were still blackfish mixed with the porgy catches.

GLEN COVE

John Cacciola at the **Glen Cove Sport Shop** said to "talk up the porgy fishing." Fish were sand sizes but plentiful. Small snappers are now providing steady action, while trollers are pulling 4-6 lb. blues and a few schoolies, but bass pickings are slim. The Segal family managed 15 blues in outings this week. The water is clean and a lot of bait is around; wire liners show with good catches, and livelining bunkers in the harbor has also been productive. On the freshwater scene, Allan Heicklan showed up with a 4 lb. brown trout, taken from the Connetquot on a 7X leader, w hile Ed Bashuk went out to the Hamptons for 5 lb. 6 oz. largemouth on a buzz bait.

HUNTINGTON

Ronnie's Bait and Tackle reports plenty blues and weaks settled in at the obstruction buoy, off of Eatons Neck. Most of the action has been on diamond jigs. Blues also being taken off of Callahan's. Big porgies on clams and worms at Eatons Neck and bass inside Cold Spring Harbor on trolled worms. John Munno, Jr. had 13 there one night this week.

Captain Packy Collins of the open boat **Ever Ready** reported good action on both day and night trips fishing off of Eatons Neck. Lots of weaks from 7-12 lbs. along with 3-5 lb. bluefish being taken on diamond jig and tube combos. Night trips appear to have an edge in the action. Al Mezle was a recent pool winner with a 12¾ lb. weakfish.

George Valentine at **Four Winds Bait and Tackle** spoke of excellent fishing going on at the obstruction buoy, buoy 13 and buoy 15. Tri-Fin tiger striped jigs with a white, green or red tube tied above have been accounting for lots of weaks in the 8-11 lb. range along with blues from 3-8 lbs. Umbrella rig trollers are taking more blues than weaks while jiggers do better with the tiderunners providing they get their jigs below the blues. An occasional school bass is mixed with the blues and weaks but that fine run of bass has petered out. Some of the better fish weighed in over the weekend were 12 lb. 2 oz. weak for Joyce Ubanski, an 11.3 lber. for Jennifer Masci and a 12 lb. 9 oz. tiderunner for Gary Beringer. Tom Suthowich parleyed a jig meant for a weakfish in the mount of an 11 lb. 3 oz. doormat fluke on Saturday. Fluke are in Northport Bay on squid and sand eels while there has been some excellent porgy action at Ashroken, and buoy 13. These fish go to 1½ lbs. For non-resident boatmen looking to get in on the Eatons Neck action, there is a ramp at the foot of Mill Dam Road where a non-resident can launch for a $5 fee.

Finn Jacobsen of **Huntington Prop and Tackle** reported good fluking near Eatons Neck but the big news are the weaks and blues at the obstruction buoy. Tony Vernola checked in 3 weaks from 10 to 12 lbs. while Bill Smith had a boxful of weaks along with a few bass. Jay Verme used umbrella rigs to troll up a nice catch of blues in the 10-13 lb. range.

Nona Collins said that the **Ever Ready** was pulling pretty good catches at night. Proportions were typical in the Thursday haul, which resulted in 24 blues from 3-8 lbs., 6 schoolie bass, and 12 weakfish. On Friday and Saturday nights, weaks dominated the scene with the pool winner on Saturday a 12 lb. tiderunner. The largest bass of the week was around 10 lbs. Daytime action was slower than nighttime, with all weaks and no blues in Sunday's catch.

KINGS PARK

Helen Koliner at the **O.K. Bait & Tackle** spoke of some nice weaks on Sunday. Art and Ave Noble showed up with 3 fish to 8½ lbs. along with a mess of porgies. The weaks were taken on Ava jigs near the mouth of the river. Small blues are also part of the river mouth scene. Some of these choppers run up to 6 lbs. and Rebels produce the best results when the blues are on top. Porgies are small and plentiful.

John Fisher of the **Aqua Gem** reported that porgy fishing around Shoreham was excellent with 40-60 fish catches not unusual. There was also a sprinkling of sea bass to 2½ lbs. Action on blues and weaks off Cedar Beach was erratic, but some good days occurred last week. When those fish are solidly in at Port Jeff, Fisher will switch over from porgies.

MT. SINAI HBR.

Dick Brown at **Dick's Sporting Goods** said they had everything at once this week. There are quite a few blowfish mixed in with plentiful porgies, which are now getting somewhat smaller. A lot of fluke are around White Beach, and weaks are mixed with 3-4 lb. blues and an occasional bass. The bass are not being taken by bass fishermen. per se, but by fishermen who aren't looking for them, bunker chunkers and sinker bouncers, for instance. On Thursday morning, Pete Harasty of Port Jeff weighed in an 11 lb. weakfish.

PORT JEFFERSON

John Caraftis at **Caraftis Fishing Station** was pleased with the return of the weakfish along the beach at Miller Place and by the pink house off Belle Terre. Best action was in the evenings until dark with 90% of the fish taken

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There were good catches of fluke off White Beach with most of the summer flounder in the 3 lb. class and a lot of throwbacks. Catches of 20 were not unusual. Much of the activity during the week was dominated by blues in the 3-4 lb. class with a few schools of larger fish. These choppers were taken by umbrella trollers and by diamond jiggers. On Saturday the bluefish scene shifted to Buoy 9. There are also a lot of porgies around for those who care. Sand eels are really holding the predators in the area.

North Fork Report

by Martin Garrell

AQUEBOGUE

Ed Kopeck at **Warren's Tackle Center** told us that fluke fishing off Mattituck Inlet was still pretty good with a lot of throwbacks. Small blues and weaks were being trolled off Hortons with umbrella rigs, and the fluke in that area were somewhat larger than they were further west.

MATTITUCK

The **Mattituck Inlet Fishing Station** spoke of good sized porgies off the Inlet along with a lot of short fluke. Saturday did produce a couple of 5 pounders however. Small blues showed up around the Beachcomber Motel on Sunday.

NEW SUFFOLK

Phil Loria at **Captain Marty's** described "loads and loads" of porgies with catches measured in hundreds, in buckets, and in coolers. There were some summer weaks around, and Sunday's top catch showed 7 fish to 4 lbs. off buoy 22. Everybody seemed to have a few weaks with the plentiful scup. Nassau Point and Roses Grove are popular porgy holes, and there haven't been any blues in two weeks to bother the porgies.

Newt Robbins at **Captain Jim's** weighed in a 4½ lb. weakfish plus 3 more weaks along with the porgy catches on Sunday. Most of the porgies are coming from buoy 22, the Radio Tower, and from buoy 25 behind Robin's Island. Porgy sizes are not bad for this time of year, and the burst of summer weaks is expected momentarily.

SOUTHOLD

Port of Egypt's Amy Lieblein told us that buoy 16 and South Ferry were still producing porgies, but the fish

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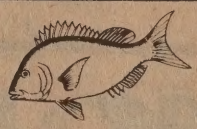

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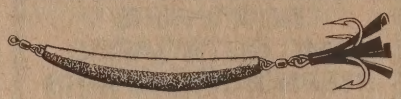

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off the Sound Station were larger. Some of the stuff off the traps ran 1½ lbs. or better. Weakfishing in the Bay had all but died, but some fluke had been taken from the Brickyard. Truman's and Horton's were also mentioned for fluke catches.

Anna Rainis said that the **Blue Albatross** was still taking 20-25 keeper fluke per trip, but had shifted its operations down to Gardiner's. On Wednesday, catches ran 5-6 fish per man, with some fish to 5 lbs. Most fish were in the 3 lb. class. Weakfish and bluefish action had been very sporadic.

GREENPORT

Charter boat **Nancy Ann** called to report the weakfishing at Gardiner's Island and Horton's Point has been good up until Saturday on jigs and on hi/lo rigs with squid. Sunday's trip for the Floral Park anglers totaled 130 weaks from 5 to 12 lbs. and 78 blues from 2 to 6 lbs. on diamond jigs. There are a lot of fish around and it looks like an excellent month.

Art White at the **AP White Bait Shop** said that Montauk boats, working east of Gardiner's were "knocking the heck out of them", i.e. weakfish and bluefish. One catch of some 200 fish was reported off Eastern Plains. Fluking off the Gardiner's Ruins was a good pick for those boats that had the proper Loran rangers. There were a lot of throw-backs, however. The Bug Light Channel still had a few large fish. The open boats, **Peconic Star** and **Brand X** were working smaller porgies off Gardiner's plus a mixed bottom bag. Humpbacks are expected soon off New London.

ORIENT POINT

John Haase at the **Orient by the Sea Marina** told us that there was a lot of fluking going on around the Point on Sunday, and that he anticipated a good July on bass in the Gut, although there were only a few stripers there now. One charter skipper found a mass of weaks and blues in the Sound on Sunday and pulled a catch of 130 fish. Location was uncertain, however.

South Fork Report

by Stu Miller

SHINNECOCK

Spec's Bait & Tackle reports that in the Shinnecock area blues have been taken over the weekend on the small side at the Inlet and off the jetties and also at Hetty Creek. These are 2 to 3 pounders on tin and poppers. Four to

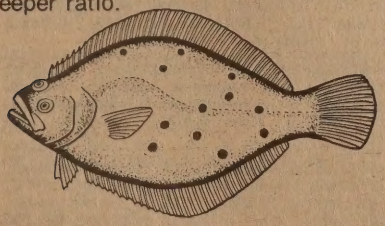
5 inch snappers are starting in all the local creeks and channels. Fluke in Shinnecock Bay around the Basket and the Ponquogue Bridge but fish are on the small side. Fluke also in East Channel, best on the flood. Killies, squid and sandeels are all working. Porgies on the small side in the Peconics from ½ to ¾ lbs. on worm and clam. Larger porgies off Sag Harbor and Gardiner's. Weaks still being trolled and jigged in Noyac Bay from 3 to 6 lbs. and a few stripers being taken on white or yellow bucktails fishing in the Jungle.

NOYAC

Helen at **Noyac Marina** reports the best bet has been porgies west of the ferry slip on the Shelter Island side, drifting worms. Arvo Lainen of Noyac and friend Mel Dykes of NJ caught a ½ pail full up to 1½ lbs. in 3 hours fishing.

SAG HARBOR

Capt Artie Lach of the **Wilhelric II** reports excellent porgy fishing all week long at Cedar Point, Plum Island, Crowl Shoals and Three Mile Harbor. These were mixed fish from the smallest to the biggest with over 1,000 porgies pulled on Saturday. Clam and squid was the hook bait on both tides. Tuesday's fluke trip was excellent with Mrs. Clyne of Noyac hoisting the 6½ lb. pool fluke. This was at Horton's Point in the Sound. Wednesday's fluking was poor but things then picked up again at the Ruins all the way around to Cartwright which is at the SE tip of Gardiner's. Fluke catches are up to 6 keepers a man with a 75 percent keeper ratio.



Surf Report

by Fred Golofaro

The summer doldrums seem to be enveloping the Long Island surf fishing scene with small blues beginning to dominate the reports. If any casters are looking for a source of motivation they should find it in this week's full moon and in the prediction of a halt to last week's sweltering heat wave. Here's the way things shaped up around the Island this past week.

From **Skippy's Bait and Tackle** in East Rockaway came a report of good weakfishing off the Pt. Lookout jetty on tins. Pete Crifci had an 8¼ lber. along with a pair of 7 lbers., while another youngster had 4 good sized weaks off the nearby beach. His largest was 9 lbs. Bernie Haag of the **Long Beachs Sports Marina** added that a few school bass up to 5 lbs. are being taken on Pflueger Mustangs in the early morning and evening hours at Long Beach. A few small blues at the Silver point Jetty on tins rounds out a relatively quiet report from this area.

Mike at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** reported a catch of 10 weaks and blues for Jim Longendyke and Doug Miller on Friday at Democrat Point. Largest of the weaks was a 10 lber. Another caster came by and checked in a weak of 10½ lbs. which he claimed came from Caumset State Park.

At **J&R Sport Center** in Oakdale, Dave reported he spent Friday evening on the beach at Smith's Point. Fishing just to the west of the pavilion he found quite a fish rolling on the surface but was unable to do much with them. He did manage a 9 lb. weak on a Hopkins. Dave also knew from a couple of casters that came by to resupply themselves with tins that small blues and weaks were taken at the Sore Thumb and at Democrat Point on Thursday and Friday of last week.

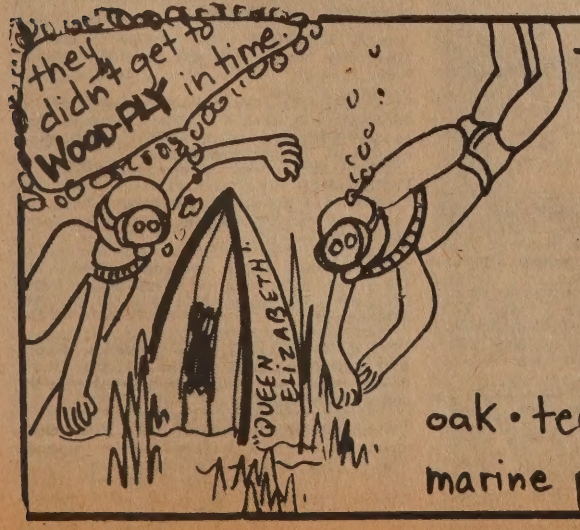
From his Shinnecock Tackle Shop Thom (Speck's B&T) reported the only action in the area appears to be from the jetty on the east side of Shinnecock Inlet while tins have been accounting for some small blues, casters working at night with bucktails and RedFins took a few 30 lb. class stripers over the weekend.

Out in Montauk Johnny Kronuch of **Johnny's Bait and Tackle** reported though fishing at the Point died as of mid-week other than a couple of small bass to 5 lbs. on Jones', the last good weakfishing at Shagwong was on Tuesday and Wednesday nights when some surf casters managed 10-15 weaks apiece in the 5-6 lb. class. Some larger fish were mixed in. John noted that all of the fish this past week were being taken on droppers rather than plugs.

Up on the North Shore, George Valentine told me from his **Four Winds Bait and Tackle Shop** that there's been a steady pick of weaks in the 5-6 lb. class and blues in the 2-3 lb. range off of Diamond Point since midweek. An occasional school bass was taken from amongst the blues and weaks as well. Tri-Fin spoon jigs, Eel worms, Rebels and RedFins fished with droppers ahead of the plugs have all been effective. Sporadic flurries of bluefish action at Lilco and along Makamah on tins and plugs. These blues range from 2-5 lbs.

Weakfish again made a showing along the Beach at Miller Place with fair numbers of fish taken on a few different evenings this past week. Tri-Fin spoon jigs and Hopkins accounted for fish in the 3-5 lb. class with an occasional tiderunner to 8 lbs.

Stan of the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** labelled action along the local beaches as pretty quiet with the only exception being some small blues in the early AM and evening hours on Tri-Fin spoon jigs and small tins. Every now and then a small weak or bass is culled from among the blues.



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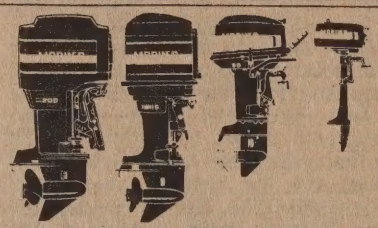

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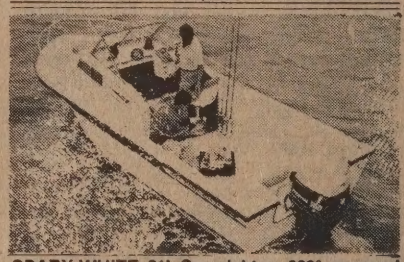

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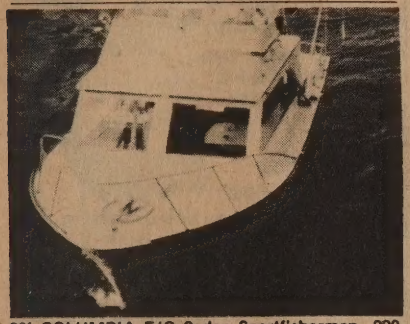

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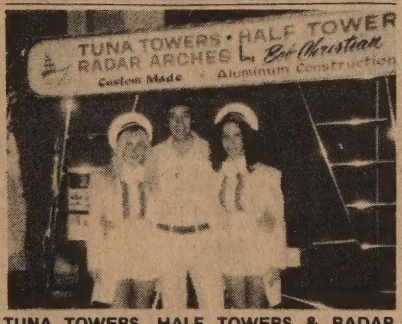

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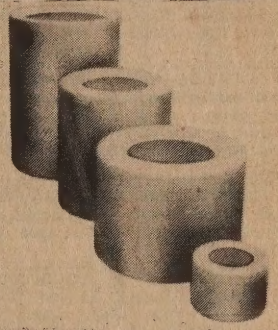

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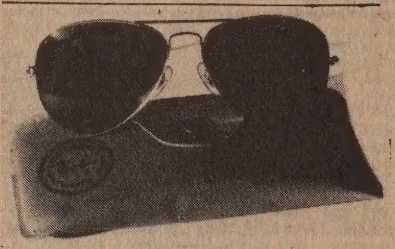

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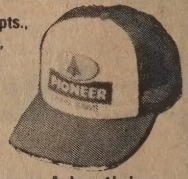

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DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THUR.	8:05	8:20	8:55	9:10	8:50	9:00	9:45	9:45	11:55	11:40	11:35	11:45	8:00	8:20	7/16
FRI.	8:45	9:05	9:35	9:50	9:30	9:35	10:20	10:25	–	12:15	–	12:15	8:45	9:00	7/17
SAT.	9:25	9:40	10:15	10:30	10:15	10:15	11:05	11:10	12:10	12:45	12:25	12:55	9:25	9:40	7/18
SUN.	10:10	10:25	10:55	11:10	10:55	10:55	11:45	11:50	12:50	1:20	1:05	1:35	10:10	10:25	7/19
MON.	10:55	11:10	11:40	11:50	11:40	11:45	–	12:30	1:35	2:05	1:50	2:20	10:55	11:10	7/20
TUE.	11:40	–	–	12:25	–	12:25	12:35	1:20	2:20	2:50	2:35	3:05	11:40	–	7/21
WED.	12:00	12:35	12:40	1:15	12:30	1:20	1:30	2:10	3:10	3:40	3:20	3:50	12:00	12:35	7/22
THUR.	12:50	1:25	1:30	2:10	1:25	2:10	2:25	3:05	4:00	4:35	4:15	4:45	12:55	1:30	7/23

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STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	–0 01
Red Bank, Navesink, R.I.	+0 48
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SHARK RIVER INLET	–0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	–0 12
Seaside Park	–0 33
Mantoloking zbridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	–0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	–0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	–0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 46
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	–0 02
Rehoboth Beach	–0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	–0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	–0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Pontunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	–0 38
Democrat Point	–0 38
Coast Guard Station	–0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	–0 19
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Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	–0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	–0 08
Herod Point	–0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	–0 20
Truman Beach	–0 42
Falkner Island	–0 13
Sachem Head	–0 10
Branford Harbor	–0 07
New Haven Harbor	–0 08
Milford Harbor	–0 07
Stratford	+0 27
Shelton	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor	–0 03
Saugatuck River	–0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	–0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point	–1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	–0 01
Norwich	+0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+1 10
Lyme	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	–0 10
Execution Light	–0 06
Manhasset Bay	–0 01
Hempstead Harbor	–0 11
City Island	–0 03
Rye Beach	–0 28
Port Chester	–0 09
Mamaroneck	–0 08
New Rocheele	–0 24
Davids Island	–0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	–0 10
Miami Beach	+1 17
East Point	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	–0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburg	+3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	–0 10
Tiverton	+0 21
Beavertail Point	–0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+0 10
Bristol	+0 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayett Point	+0 12
Pawtucket	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
Point Judith Harbor	–0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Old Harbor	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

7/17	5:38	8:33
7/18	5:39	8:32
7/19	5:40	8:32
7/20	5:41	8:31
7/21	5:42	8:30
7/22	5:43	8:29
7/23	5:44	8:28

Moonrise/Moonset

7/17	9:02 PM	6:13AM
7/18	9:43 PM	7:13AM
7/19	10:21 PM	8:15AM
7/20	10:56 PM	9:20AM
7/21	11:29 PM	10:25AM
7/22	–	11:32AM
7/23	12:01AM	12:39 PM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr	FULL	2nd Qtr.
7/1	7/9	7/17	7/24

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SOLUNAR TABLES

When To Fish Or Hunt

The schedule of solunar periods for this week as printed below have been taken from the original ***KNIGHT SOLUNAR TABLES.*** Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type face.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	4:55	11:05	5:15	11:30
Fri.	5:45	11:50	6:00	—
Sat.	6:30	12:15	6:55	12:45
Sun.	7:25	1:15	8:00	1:45
Mon.	8:20	2:10	8:55	2:40
Tues.	9:15	3:05	9:45	3:30
Wed.	10:10	4:00	10:40	4:25
Thurs.	11:05	4:55	11:35	5:20

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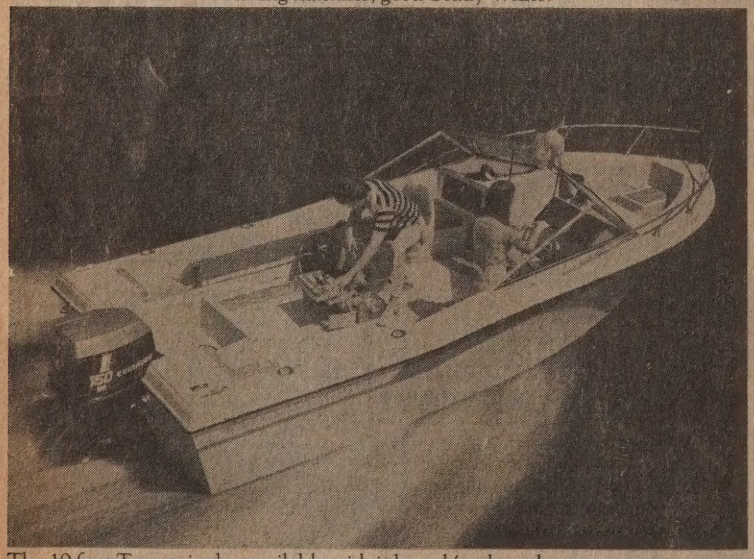

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